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CLIA Number Information

Effective for dates of service on or after Aug. 1, 2019, Medicaid will require all professional service and independent laboratory providers to include a valid CLIA number on all claims submitted for laboratory services, including CLIA waived tests. Claims submitted with an absent, incorrect or invalid CLIA number will deny.

For claims submitted using the CMS-1500 form, the CLIA number will be required in block 23. The number must include the "X4" qualifier, followed by the CLIA certification number, which includes the two-digit state code, followed by the letter "D" and the unique CLIA number assigned to the provider.

Example of valid CLIA number formatting: X419DXXXXXXX

Providers should refer to the *CMS-1500 Billing Instructions* under the *Billing Information* link at www.lamedicaid.com, where complete instructions will be provided. The CLIA number is not required for UB-04 claims.

Information regarding this policy change is forthcoming and will be found on www.lamedicaid.com under the Provider Manuals link, within the *Professional Services and Independent Laboratory* manual sections for Fee-for-Service providers.

Questions regarding this message and Fee-for-Service claims should be directed to DXC Technology Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040. Questions regarding managed care claims should be directed to the appropriate managed care organization.