
CHAPTER 27: INDEPENDENT LABORATORIES

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REIMBURSEMENT

Laboratory services do not require prior authorization. However, some laboratory services, as indicated on the Fee Schedule, require medical review to receive ~~payment~~ reimbursement. (See Appendix A for Fee Schedule information)

~~Independent laboratories may only receive reimbursement for laboratory services when they directly perform, or supervise, the service. When submitting claims, providers should~~ must use the most appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)/Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code representing the service performed ~~when submitting claims to Medicaid.~~

~~Providers must follow~~ Guidelines indicated in the pertinent CPT manual, ~~are to be followed when billing for these services~~ unless specifically directed otherwise by the department.

Limitations on select services are indicated on the ~~published fee schedules~~ Fee Schedule, in provider manuals, or both and/or ~~in provider manuals.~~

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) claim edits are applied to all claims for laboratory services that require CLIA certification. Those claims that do not meet the required criteria will ~~deny~~ be denied. Claims are edited to ensure payment is not made to:

- Providers who do not have a CLIA certificate;
- Providers submitting claims for services rendered outside the effective dates of the CLIA certificate; and
- Providers submitting claims for services not covered by their CLIA certificate.

Reimbursement for clinical laboratory procedures shall not exceed 100 percent of the current year's Medicare allowable. Reimbursement of clinical laboratory services ~~shall be paid~~ made at the lower of billed charges or the Medicaid fee on file, minus the amount which any third party coverage would pay.

~~Those services not subject to the Medicare fee schedule shall continue to be reimbursed to physicians and independent laboratories based on the published Medicaid fee schedule or billed charges, whichever is lower. (See Appendix A for Fee Schedule information)~~