



Attention Providers of CLIA Waived Tests

CMS mandated Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) claim edits are applied to all laboratory services billed on fee for service claims. Claims submitted that do not meet the required CLIA criteria will deny.

Providers with waived or provider-performed microscopy (PPM) certificate types may be paid only for those waived and/or PPM codes approved for their certification types. Providers with these certification types are to add the 'QW' modifier to the procedure code for all applicable CLIA waived or PPM tests they submit for reimbursement.

The fee for service claims processing system has been updated to assure correct processing of claims for laboratory services. Effective for claims processed on or after April 17, 2018 the following Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes will require a "QW" modifier effective for the date of service provided below when submitted by providers with the certificate types described above:

Code CLIA Waived Eff Date

80305 01/01/2017

87633 10/07/2016

87801 03/06/2017

Denied claims submitted with the codes above on or after the effective date listed that were submitted correctly with modifier –QW will be systematically recycled on the remittance of April 24, 2017 without any action required by the provider.

Please visit www.cms.gov for a complete listing of effective dates for recently added codes. For more information regarding CLIA, see Appendix A in the Professional Services Provider Manual.

For questions related to this information as it pertains to fee for service Medicaid claims processing, please contact Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Services at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

Questions related to Healthy Louisiana managed care organizations' updates should be directed to the specific health plan.