



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: December 14, 2021
To: Ohio Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: CLIA HCPCS Claim Denials
Effective Date: January 1, 2022

Summary

Effective for dates of service Jan. 1, 2022 and after, CareSource will start denying payment for a claim with a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) HCPCS code as subject to CLIA edits to a provider.

Impact

CLIA claims will be denied unless one of the following are presented:

- Valid current CLIA certificate
- CLIA certificate of waiver (when billed without the QW modifier)
- CLIA certificate for provider-performed microscopy procedures (when billed without the QW modifier)

CareSource will not retract payments for claims already paid. Corrected claims can be submitted with the required information for reconsideration of payment.

Importance

The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) program regulates laboratories that test human specimens and ensures they give accurate, reliable, and timely patient test results regardless of where the test is performed. CLIA mandates nearly all laboratories, including those in physician offices, meet applicable federal requirements and have a current CLIA certificate. CLIA applies to all entities furnishing clinical laboratory services. To ensure CareSource only reimburses qualifying laboratory tests performed in certified facilities, CareSource edits each claim to identify HCPCS codes that are considered a CLIA laboratory test at a CLIA certified facility.

The HCPCS codes that follow are all subject to CLIA edits. All the below codes require a facility to either have a CLIA certificate of registration (certification type code 9), a CLIA certificate of compliance (certificate type code 1) or a CLIA certificate of accreditation (certificate type code 3).

A facility without a valid, current, CLIA certificate will not be paid for these tests. Please access this [CMS resource](#) to see the list of codes that require the certification.

Questions?

For questions, please reach out to Provider Services at **1-800-488-0134**, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.
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