

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: June 7, 2018

Subject: Reminder - Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Laboratory Claims Requirements

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana provides the following reminders to ensure compliance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) CLIA requirements.

CMS requires that laboratories, including those in a provider's office, meet applicable federal certification requirements to perform laboratory testing. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana processes claims in accordance with CLIA guidelines. You may verify your CLIA certification level and effective dates at https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/CLIA_Laboratory_Demographic_Information.html.

As a reminder, providers must adhere to the laboratory testing claim instructions below.

- The CLIA number must be entered in Loop ID 2300, segment/data element REF2, for 837P electronic claims, or in Box 23 of the CMS 1500 on paper claims.
- The CLIA number entered must be specific to the location where the provider is performing on-site lab testing.
- Claim payments can only be made for labs and dates of service falling within the location's CLIA certification dates and level.
- The QW modifier must be added to the procedure code for all CLIA waived tests **when required**. (See https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/Categorization_of_Tests.html).

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is also asking providers to:

- Submit CLIA certificates issued within the last 60 days to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana via email to ProviderEnrollment@amerihealthcaritasla.com, and
- Submit only one CLIA number per claim filed.

If you have received CLIA claim denials or a notice of CLIA claims recovery, please submit a corrected claim following the instructions above.

Questions:

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's Provider Services department at 1-888-922-0007 or your Provider Network Management Account Executive.