



Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: Quarterly Update

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Related CR Title: Quarterly Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment

What's Changed: We made no substantive changes to the Article other than to update the web address of the CR transmittal.

Affected Providers

- Physicians
- Hospitals
- Suppliers
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients

Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about:

- Next private payor data reporting period of January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025
- New and deleted HCPCS codes

Background

Next CLFS Data Reporting Period for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests—**DELAYED**

On November 16, 2023, [Section 502 of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act of 2024](#) delayed data reporting requirements for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests (CDLTs) that aren't advanced diagnostic laboratory tests (ADLTs). It also delayed the phase-in of payment reductions under the CLFS from private payor rate implementation.

- The next data reporting period is January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025. It will be based on the original data collection period of January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019.

- We'll apply a 0% payment reduction for CY 2024 so that a CDLT that isn't an ADLT may not be reduced compared to the payment amount for that test in CY 2023. For CYs 2025-2027, payment may not be reduced by more than 15% per year compared to the payment amount established for a test the preceding year.
- After the next data reporting period, there's a 3-year data reporting cycle for CDLTs that aren't ADLTs, for example, 2028, 2031.

ADLTs

See [ADLT Information](#) for more information about these tests.

New Codes Effective July 1, 2024 – Proprietary Laboratory Analysis (PLAs) and Additional New Codes

See [Tab A](#) of the table in CR 13613 for a list of new codes along with their short and long descriptors and type of service codes. These new codes are MAC-priced, where applicable, until they're nationally priced through the CLFS annual payment determination process. MACs only price PLA codes for laboratories within their jurisdiction.

Deleted Codes Effective July 1, 2024

We're deleting CPT codes 0204U and 0353U as of July 1, 2024.

Note: Your MAC won't search its files to retract payment or retroactively pay claims. They'll adjust claims you bring to their attention.

More Information

We issued CR 13613 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

Document History

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