



PROVIDER QUICK TIPS

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Pennsylvania (PA) Medical Assistance (MA) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Requirements

Attention: All MA providers performing and/or billing laboratory services, including services separated into technical and professional components as indicated by TC and 26 modifiers, respectively.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regulates all laboratory testing (except research) performed on humans in the U.S. through the CLIA. The purpose of this Quick Tip is to remind all providers performing laboratory services that the appropriate CLIA certificate MUST be on file for each service location address. For outpatient services, the billing provider is designated as the performing provider and for professional claims the rendering provider is designated as the performing provider. Examples: When services are performed in the outpatient hospital setting, the hospital billing provider is considered to be the performing provider. Physician group practices must place the CLIA certification number on each physician within the practice at the service location address that matches the address to which the CLIA certification was awarded. If this process is not followed, the claims will be denied since the payment is based upon the individual practitioner and not the group practice.

Since CLIA certification is site specific, the service location address that corresponds with a CLIA certificate address must match exactly for billed AND/OR rendered services.

Please note: For more information on PA MA requirement, please consult with Medical Assistance Bulletins (MABs) issued on this topic at the Department of Human Services website at the following link, including MAB 01-12-67.

http://dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/bulletin_admin/p_033918.pdf

Check the department's website often at: www.dhs.pa.gov
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