

Reimbursement for Lab Tests Performed in the Clinic

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)

In order for a clinic to be reimbursed for a lab service performed in the clinic most the payer will require that the Clinic's or medical office's CLIA number must be on the claim. Paper CMS 1500 Claim Form: The Clinic's CLIA number must appear in line item #23 on the paper claim form. FYI: Line #23 is labeled PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER of the claim. Electronic Claims: The Practice Management System/Electronic Health Records should have a field to enter the Clinic's CLIA so that it populates on the electronic claim if there are lab services provided. Discuss this with your software vender to verify that your system is set-up appropriately.

The objective of the CLIA program is to ensure quality laboratory testing.

Information regarding CLIA can be found on the following CMS website:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/index.html?redirect=/clia/>