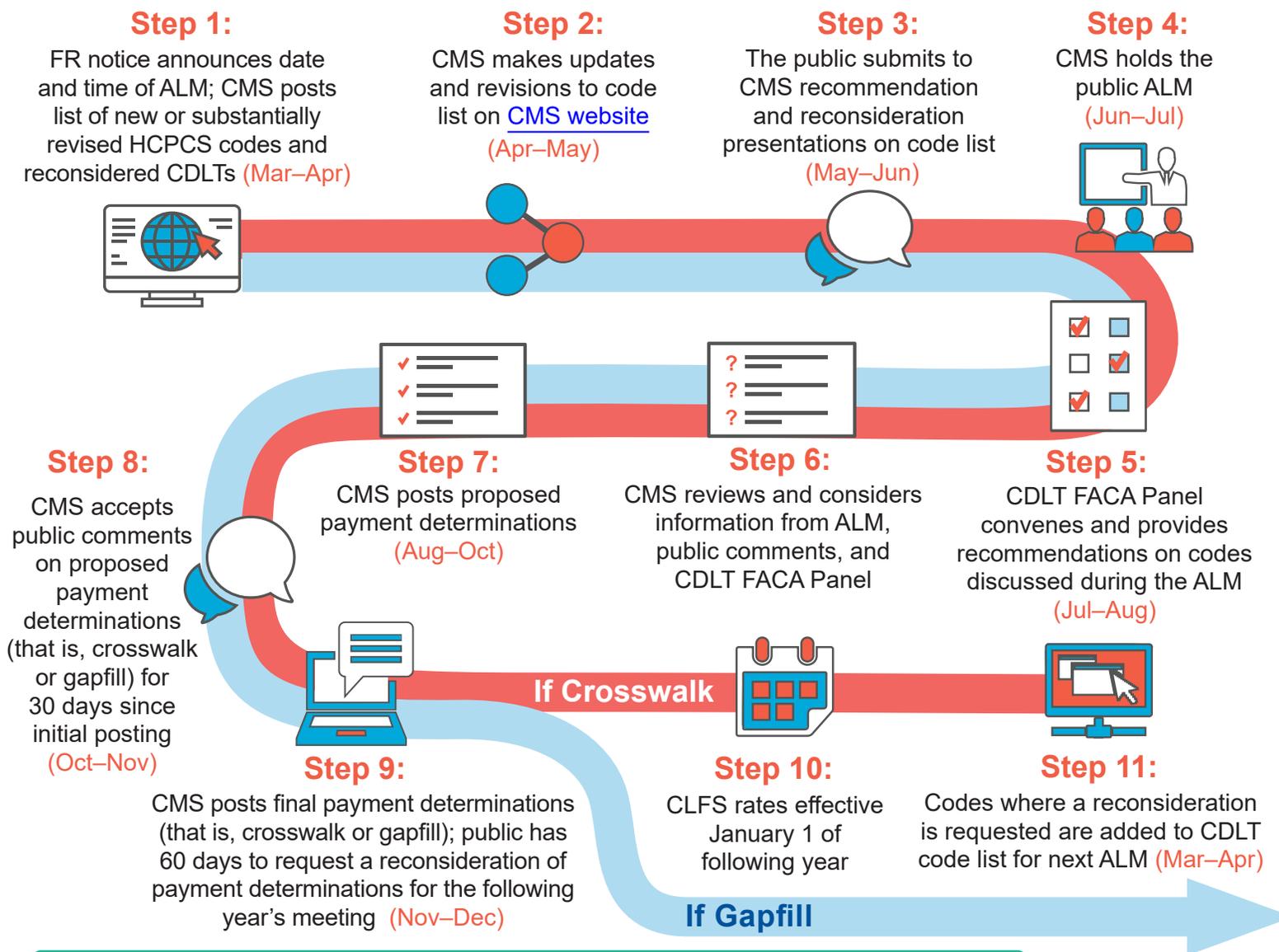


Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Annual Payment Determination Process

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FR = Federal Register
 ALM = Annual Laboratory Meeting
 CDLT = Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test

FACA = Federal Advisory Committee Act
 CLFS = Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule

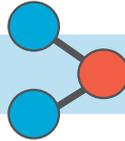
Gapfill Process

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Step 1:

CMS posts final payment determinations which indicates if a code is to be gapfilled
(Nov–Dec)



Step 2:

Gapfilled codes are denoted as contractor priced in the CLFS
(Jan)



Step 3:

MAC reports local MAC-specific gapfilled amounts for each test code and reports the amount to CMS
(Apr)



Step 6:

CMS posts final MAC-specific gapfill amounts online
(Sep)



Step 5:

CMS accepts public comments on MAC-specific payment amount for 60 days
(May–Aug)



Step 4:

CMS posts the MAC-specific payment amount recommendations reported by each MAC
(Apr–May)



Step 7:

Public has 30 days to submit written reconsideration requests in response to final gapfill recommendations
(Oct)



Step 8:

CMS implements a rate that's equal to the median of the MAC-specific amounts for the test code across all MACs over the past year
(Nov)



Step 9:

Final CLFS rates effective January 1 of following year

MAC = Medicare Administrative Contractor

CMS's [CLFS Annual Public Meeting](#) webpage has more information.

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