



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

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, other providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about:

- Updates to Advanced Diagnostic Laboratory Tests (ADLTs)
- Next CLFS data reporting period
- New codes added to the National HCPCS file

Background

CR 12870 gives instructions for the quarterly update of the CLFS.

ADLTs

Visit the [ADLT page](#) for more information regarding appropriate tests.

Next CLFS Data Reporting Period for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests (CDLTs) – DELAYED

Section 216(a) of the [Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014](#) (PAMA) required significant changes to how Medicare pays for CDLTs under the CLFS. On December 10, 2021, the [Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act \(S. 610\)](#) delayed the reporting requirement and the application of the 15% phase-in reduction.

Under the [CLFS final rule](#), reporting entities must give CMS certain private payor rate information for their component applicable laboratories. The data collection period was from January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019. The data collection period is where a laboratory gets applicable information from claims for which the laboratory got final payment during the period.

We've made the following revisions to the reporting period:

- Based the next data reporting period of January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023, on the original data collection period of January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019. After the next data reporting period, there's a 3-year data reporting cycle for CDLTs that aren't ADLTs (2026, 2029, and so on).
- Extended the statutory phase-in of payment reductions resulting from private payor rate implementation through Calendar Year (CY) 2025. There's a 0.0% reduction for CY 2021 and CY 2022, and we won't reduce payment by more than 15% for CYs 2023-2025.

CLFS Starting January 1, 2018

- Effective January 1, 2018, we base CLFS rates on weighted median private payor rates as PAMA requires.
- The Medicare Part B deductible and coinsurance don't apply for services paid under the CLFS.
- Read the [PAMA Regulations](#) for more details.
- Interested parties, such as Medicaid State agencies, the Indian Health Service, the United Mine Workers, and the Railroad Retirement Board, may get the [CLFS files](#), when available. They're in multiple formats, including Excel, text, and comma delimited.
- **Pricing Information:** The CLFS includes separately payable fees for certain specimen collection methods (codes 36415, P9612, and P9615). We set the fees in accordance with section 1833(h)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act. **Note:** Additional specimen collection codes may be listed during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).

New Codes Effective October 1, 2022

Proprietary Laboratory Analysis (PLAs)

See the tab "New Codes" of the [table](#) attached to CR 12870 tab "New Codes". We added the listed new codes to the national HCPCS file with an effective date of October 1, 2022. These new codes are contractor-priced (where applicable) until they're nationally priced. MACs will only price PLA codes for laboratories in their jurisdiction. The table includes the laboratory, long descriptor, short descriptor, and Type of Service (TOS) of each new code.

The following HCPCS codes were discontinued on September 30, 2022, and we'll remove them

from the CLFS:

- 0012U (short descriptor: Germln do gene reargmt detcj)
- 0013U (short descriptor: Onc sld org neo gene reargmt)
- 0014U (short descriptor: Hem hmtlmf neo gene reargmt)
- 0056U (short descriptor: Hem aml dna gene reargmt)

Note: 0340U in the table mentioned above is both a PLA and an **ADLT**. So, it has an indicator of N and a payment amount on the fee schedule.

More Information

We issued [CR 12870](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

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

Document History

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