



## Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: October Update

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### Affected Providers

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

### Action Needed

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Make sure your billing staffs know about:

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

### Background

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

On November 16, 2023, Section 502 of the [Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act of 2024](#) delayed data reporting requirements for 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 and 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 won't be reduced compared to the payment amount for that test in CY 2023. For CYs 2025-2027, CMS won't reduce payment 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 October 1, 2024

See [New Codes Effective 10-01-2024](#) in CR 13717 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 October 1, 2024

See [Deleted Codes Effective 10-1-24](#) in CR 13717 for a list of codes deleted as of October 1, 2024. The table includes the code and its long descriptor.

## More Information

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We issued CR 13717 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

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

## Document History

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July 18, 2024	Initial article released.

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