



Provider Alert

Claims Review Due to Billing Changes to Lab Testing CPT® Codes

We want to let you know about a claims review project we'll soon begin that may affect claims submitted for certain types of laboratory services. This review was prompted by changes the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) made to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), which required us to make some changes to our payment platform.

Scope of Review

Our review will focus on claims submitted with dates of service between July 1, 2016, and March 1, 2018, that may have been inappropriately denied or paid based on the following criteria:

The following procedure codes will require modifier QW:

- 80305 Under Presumptive Drug Class Screening Procedures
- 87633 Under Microbiology Procedures

The following procedure codes will no longer require CLIA certification:

- 88185 Under Cytopathology Procedures
- 88311 Under Surgical Pathology Procedures

We anticipate this project will be complete by June 2018.

Additional Claims Projects Anticipated

As we make necessary adjustments to our payment platform, we'll also be reviewing other claims affected by recent changes noted in the Texas Medicaid Bulletin that went into effect Jan. 1, 2018. That review will focus on claims submitted between Jan. 1, 2018 and March 1, 2018.

To learn more, go to TMHP.com > Providers > Click here to view past news > [Updates and Claims Reprocessing for Some CLIA Waived Lab Procedure Codes, Effective Jan. 1, 2018](#).

As always, claims reconsideration will be available for you depending on the results of how your claims reprocess. You can go to UHCprovider.com/claims to submit a reconsideration request for an individual claim or multiple claims within 365 days of the claim reprocessing date.

We're Here to Help

If you have questions about claim reconsiderations, please call us at **888-887-9003**, from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday. Thank you.

