

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certification Number Notification

IMPORTANT CLIA NOTIFICATION

Currently, Molina Healthcare allows claims with reported lab testing codes to adjudicate without the provider’s Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certification number. Effective **January 1st, 2023** claims with reported lab testing codes should include the appropriate CLIA certification number. Molina reserves the right to deny or recoup any claim or line items without the appropriate CLIA certification number. Our system will be updated to require the appropriate CLIA certification number on the provider record to allow related claims to be paid. This update is consistent with existing Medicaid policy which requires CLIA certification for correct billing and is consistent with 2023 Utah Fee for Service payment guidelines.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires each location performing laboratory services to have their own CLIA certification except under certain circumstances as outlined in the CMS document titled, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) - How to Obtain a CLIA Certificate. Providers with multiple locations, that do not meet the CMS exception criteria, must submit to Medicaid a unique CLIA certification number for each location that bills claims to Medicaid.

CLIA certification requirements apply to, but are not limited to, the following types of testing:

- Chemistry
- Immunology
- Drug Assays and Therapeutic Drug Assays
- Microbiology
- Hematology
- Pathology
- Histocompatibility
- Urinalysis
- Immunohematology

CLIA has designated the following CLIA Certificate types:

CLIA Certification Type	Description
Certificate of Waiver	This certificate is issued to a laboratory to perform only waived tests.
Certificate for Provider-Performed Microscopy Procedures (PPMP)	This certificate is issued to a laboratory where a physician, midlevel practitioner, or dentist performs no tests other than waived and specific microscopy procedures.
Certificate of Registration	This certificate is issued to a laboratory that enables the entity to conduct moderate or high complexity laboratory testing or both until a survey determines the entity to comply with the CLIA regulations.
Certificate of Compliance	This certificate is issued to a laboratory after an accreditation organization approved by CMS finds the laboratory to comply with its standards.
Certificate of Accreditation	This certificate is issued to a laboratory after an accreditation organization approved by CMS finds the laboratory to comply with their standards.

Providers can review the specific type of CLIA certificate required for laboratory tests on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) CLIA Test Complexity Database. Providers may only perform CLIA related tests that fall within their CLIA certification.

We ask that you please provide your Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate per service location to Molina Healthcare by December 15th, 2022 to:

MHUProviderServicesRequests@MolinaHealthCare.Com

For purposes of clarity, new CLIA reporting requirements do not change Molina's policy for in-office laboratory testing. Please refer to the Molina Provider Manual for additional information.

To obtain a CLIA Certification you can access the CLIA application online at:

[CLINICAL LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS \(CLIA\) \(cms.gov\)](https://www.cms.gov/CLIA)

Send your completed application to the address of the local State Agency for the State in which your laboratory is located.

CLIA State Agency Contact

Public Health Bureau of Laboratory Improvement
4431 South 2700 West
Taylorsville, UT 84129
(385) 499-3872
FAX: (801) 536-0149
Email: labimprovement@utah.gov

Please contact your Provider Services Representative if you have any questions or if you are not sure who your Provider Services Representative please reach out via email at:

MHUProviderServicesRequests@MolinaHealthCare.Com

Thank you for your immediate response and cooperation.