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***Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments* number information**

Background: Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2019, Medicaid requires all professional service and independent laboratory providers to include a valid *Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)* number on all claims submitted for laboratory services, including *CLIA* waived tests. Claims submitted with an absent, incorrect or invalid *CLIA* number will deny.

The *CLIA* number is required in box/field 23 of the hardcopy *CMS-1500*. The number must include the **X4** qualifier, followed by the *CLIA* certification number, which includes the two-digit state code, followed by the letter **D** and the unique *CLIA* number assigned to the provider.

- Example of valid *CLIA* number formatting: X419DXXXXXXXX

Visit <https://www.lamedicaid.com> > Billing Information > CMS-1500 Billing Instructions for complete instructions.

Healthy Blue has updated our systems accordingly to accommodate these changes.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

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