

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

This notification is an update to a bulletin sent in January 2020. 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. Healthy Blue system configuration was updated to deny claims submitted with an absent, incorrect, or invalid *CLIA* number. Effective November 1, 2022, claims submitted with an absent, incorrect, or invalid *CLIA* number will now result in claims being rejected in their entirety.

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.



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