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District of Columbia

To: AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia Certified Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) Providers

Date: December 22, 2017

From: AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia

Subject: Using your CLIA ID when filing claims

> Summary: Providers that perform laboratory testing are required to indicate their CLIA ID number when submitting claims.

Impact

To ensure the accuracy, reliability and timeliness of patients' test results, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that virtually all laboratories, including physician office laboratories, meet applicable federal requirements and have a CLIA certificate to operate.[1]

As a reminder, providers that perform laboratory testing are required to indicate their CLIA ID number when submitting claims. For electronic and paper claims, please enter your CLIA ID numbers in the fields indicated below:

- For the 837 professional electronic claim submission: Please enter your CLIA ID number in Loop ID 2300, segment/data element REF2

- For the CMS 1500 paper form, please enter your CLIA in field 23 (titled prior authorization number).

- It is not necessary to indicate your CLIA ID number on institutional claims.

Please note that it is the responsibility of providers to make sure the laboratory tests performed are within the scope of their certification and that they have a valid (not expired) CLIA number. For additional information regarding CLIA, applying for or renewing a certificate, or regarding assigned test complexity levels, please visit the CMS CLIA website: via https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/index.html?redirect=/clia/.

Questions: If you have questions about this communication, please contact your AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia Provider Network Management Account Executive or Provider Services at 202-408-2237 or 1-888-656-2383. Thank you for your immediate attention to and cooperation with this important initiative.

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[1] CMS.gov, August 2017, "CLIA Program and Medicare Laboratory Services" MLN Fact Sheet, https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/CLIABrochure.pdf.