

CLIA Requirements Update

CLIA Phase II – May 1, 2016

MHS Health Wisconsin wants to inform you that we will be implementing Phase II of our CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment) initiative to ensure the accuracy and reliability of all laboratory testing, as defined by CMS guidelines. All providers that bill laboratory services must have CLIA certification equal to the procedure code being billed. If a provider bills for a procedure without appropriate CLIA certification, reimbursement will be denied.

MHS Health is implementing this certification verification effective May 1, 2016, and is applicable to all providers billing for laboratory services. This verification will ensure that MHS Health is compliant with State and CMS guidelines.

- <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/index.html?redirect=/clia/>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/clia/>

On and after May 1, 2016, if a certification is not on file or if the certification is not valid for the procedure code and/or dates of service submitted, claims will be denied. There are two new denial codes that will appear on your Explanation of Payment:

- **EXc1** – DENIED: INVALID CLIA NUMBER
- **EXc2** – DENIED: PROCEDURE NOT ALLOWED FOR CLIA CERTIFICATION TYPE

Providers must submit corrected claims

Claims billed without a valid CLIA certification will be denied and a corrected claim will need to be submitted. All corrected claims must be submitted within 180 days from the date of notification of payment or a denial is issued.

If you have questions about this bulletin or other provider resources, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-222-9831.