

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) requirements

Summary: As a reminder, and as outlined in the Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. provider manual, Amerigroup is bound by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) of 1988. The purpose of the CLIA program is to ensure providers that test specimens in interstate commerce consistently provide accurate procedures and services.

✦ **What this means to you:** Any laboratory that solicits or accepts specimens in interstate commerce for laboratory testing is required to hold a valid license or letter of exemption from licensure issued by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Since 1992, carriers have been instructed to deny clinical laboratory services billed by independent laboratories that do not meet the CLIA requirements.

CLIA Certificate

You must provide Amerigroup with a copy of your CLIA certificate and notify us if your CLIA status changes. Finally, the CLIA number must be included on each CMS-1500 claim form for laboratory services by any provider performing tests covered by CLIA.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.