

Annual Laboratory Compliance Notice to Providers

This annual notice is in compliance with the guidance of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the regulations and requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS.) The OIG recommends that the following information is communicated to healthcare providers.

CLINICAL LABORATORY FEE SCHEDULE

The 2024 Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule is available at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/index.html>

Medicaid reimbursement is equal to or less than Medicare reimbursement

MEDICAL NECESSITY REQUIREMENT

Medicare, Medicaid, or other federally funded programs will only pay for tests that meet their coverage criteria and are reasonable and necessary to treat or diagnose a patient. These programs do not pay for tests for which the patient record does not support that the tests were reasonable and necessary.

Medicare generally does not cover routine screening tests even if the physician or individuals authorized by law to order tests considers the tests appropriate for the patient.

42 U.S.C. Â§ 1395y(a)(1)(A) of the Federal Register prohibits Medicare and Medicaid from reimbursing for items or services which are not reasonable or necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member.

CUSTOMIZED PROFILES

Any grouping of laboratory tests that is not described in the Organ and Disease Panel section of the CPT Manual is considered to be a customized profile. Using a customized profile may result in the ordering of tests which are not covered, reasonable or necessary and that may not be billed. The OIG takes the position that an individual who knowingly causes a false claim to be submitted may be subject to sanctions or remedies available under civil, criminal and administrative law. A list of custom profiles is available at <https://www.uchealth.org/professionals/uch-clinical-laboratory/> under "Compliance."

Please note that Meridian Laboratory offers option of ordering all tests individually.

Thank you for using Meridian Laboratory for your laboratory testing needs. Please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory at 866-992-0708 if you have any questions.