

Notice: Non-Par Laboratory COVID Testing

All non-participating laboratories billing Molina Healthcare of California (“Molina”) for COVID testing are required to provide the following documents in order for claims payment:

1. CLIA certification including Page 2, specifically showing that you are certified to perform laboratory tests for testing COVID-19 samples;
2. California Clinical Lab License;
3. Medi-Cal enrollment number.

All claims will be denied unless and until the appropriate documents are received. Documents should be sent to:

Mail:

Molina Healthcare, Inc.
Attn: CLIA Reviewer
200 Oceangate, Suite 100
Long Beach, CA 90802

Fax: (855) 366-5462 [Attn: CLIA Reviewer]

Email: CA_SIU@MolinaHealthcare.com

This requirement is pursuant to California regulations, Molina Healthcare of California (“Molina”) is only obligated to pay “Clean Claims” for covered healthcare services. See California Medicaid Managed Care Contract, Ex. A, Att. III, § 3.3.5; see also 22 CCR § 1300.71(a)(2) (defining “complete claim”). A claim is considered “Clean” only if it has been made by a “Provider,” which California regulators define as an “individual or entity that is engaged in the delivery of services, or ordering or referring for those services, **and is licensed or certified to do so.**” California Medicaid Managed Care Contract, Att. A, Ex. I, § 1.0, “Provider” (emphasis added).

Under California and federal law, no person may perform laboratory testing or analysis of samples for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, unless it has obtained the appropriate CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments) certification. See, e.g., Bus. & Prof. Code § 1206.7; 42 USC §263a. See also 42 CFR § 493.1809 (payment for laboratory services may only be made by Medicaid program if furnished by a laboratory with a CLIA certificate).

In addition to this certification requirement, the California Department of Health Services requires that all laboratories obtain a California Clinical Lab License or Registration and also be enrolled in Medi-Cal. See, e.g., dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/ClinicalLabProviderApplicationInformation.aspx.