



MEMORANDUM

TO: EPH Providers
FROM: El Paso Health
DATE: February 16, 2023
RE: CLIA Certification Required for Claims

All providers that bill laboratory services must have CLIA certification for the procedure code being billed. If a provider bills for a procedure without appropriate CLIA certification, the claim will be denied.

CLIA Certification Types - CLIA certification types published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

CLIA Certification Types	Description
Certificate of Waiver	This certificate is issued to a laboratory to perform only waived tests.
Certificate for Provider-Performed Microscopy Procedures (PPMP)	This certificate is issued to a laboratory in which a physician, midlevel practitioner, or dentist performs no tests other than microscopy procedures. This certificate also permits the laboratory to perform waived tests.
Certificate of Registration	This certificate is issued to a laboratory that enables the entity to conduct moderate- or high-complexity laboratory testing or both until the entity is determined by survey to be in compliance with the CLIA regulations.
Certificate of Compliance	This certificate is issued to a laboratory after an inspection that finds the laboratory to be in compliance with all applicable CLIA requirements.
Certificate of Accreditation	This is a certificate that is issued to a laboratory on the basis of the laboratory's accreditation by an accreditation organization approved by CMS.



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CLIA Certification Type	Billable Procedure Codes
Full/Accredited Certification	May bill any laboratory procedure, regardless of modifier that may be required for other certification types.
Waived Certification	May only bill CLIA-waived procedures (e.g. codes that do not require the QW modifier to be designated as CLIA waived tests, and procedures with the QW modifiers)
PPMP (Partial) Certification	May only bill for Provider-Performed Microscopy Procedures and CLIA-waived procedures (e.g. codes that do not require the QW modifier to be designated as CLIA waived tests, and procedures with the QW modifier)
No CLIA Certification on file	May only bill procedures for which a CLIA certificate is not required.

Updating CLIA Certifications in PEMS

- Providers must update their CLIA certifications in the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) under the License/Certification/Accreditation link.
- Providers may find more information about updating CLIA certifications in PEMS through the tmhp.com website at <https://www.tmhp.com/topics/provider-enrollment/pems/licenses>.

For additional CLIA information please review the CMS CLIA website link: <https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/legislation/clia>