



CLIA Certification Reminder

Effective June 1, 2026: Claims without appropriate CLIA certification will be denied.

Parkland Community Health Plan (PCHP) is reminding providers that all laboratory service providers must comply with the **Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)** regulations. To ensure accurate processing and compliance with Texas Medicaid requirements:

- Providers **must maintain and submit valid CLIA certifications.**
- Providers may **only bill for laboratory services that fall within the scope** of their active CLIA certification.

Texas Medicaid reimburses laboratory services **only when providers:**

- Meet all CLIA requirements and
- Hold the correct CLIA certification for each procedure code billed.

Important: Claims submitted without the appropriate CLIA certification will not be reimbursed.

Key Requirements

CLIA Certification Validation

All providers must have a valid CLIA certification that matches each laboratory procedure code billed.

Transition Period (March 1–May 31, 2026)

- Claims submitted without proper CLIA certification will **continue to pay.**
- However, they will be **flagged** for incorrect or missing CLIA information. Providers must correct all flagged issues before June 1, 2026, as the same CLIA error will result in claim denials for dates of service on or after that date.

Full Implementation (June 1, 2026)

- Claims without the required CLIA certification for a billed procedure code will **deny.**
- Other claim lines may continue to process if they meet all requirements.

PCHP will issue additional guidance for providers whose CLIA information in PEMS is incomplete or incorrect.

Updating CLIA Information in PEMS

Providers may update their CLIA information through the **Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS)** using:

- **PEMS Maintenance** – License transactions
- **PEMS Existing Enrollment** transactions
- **PEMS Revalidation** transactions

Specific Scenarios

- **Disenrolled providers:** Must update through a PEMS Reenrollment request
- **Enrolled providers outside the revalidation window:** Use PEMS Maintenance or Existing Enrollment
- **Enrolled providers within the revalidation window:**
 - If revalidation has already been submitted → updates must be done *within the Revalidation application*
 - If revalidation has not begun → PEMS Maintenance may be used

Note: After a revalidation application is submitted, a PEMS Maintenance License request **cannot** be created. Approved changes will appear in the PEMS MPF data. Updates may take **up to one week** to reflect for MCOs, including PCHP.

Updating CLIA Information During Revalidation

During revalidation, providers must update their CLIA details on the License/Certification/Accreditation tab in PEMS.

Providers can verify their revalidation dates directly in PEMS and may complete revalidation **up to 180 days before** the due date.

For more information, visit the [How to Apply for Enrollment](#) page on tmhp.com, click Determine Your Application Type, and scroll to the “Revalidation” section.

CLIA Certification Types

Information about types of CLIA certificates is available on the CMS website: [Types of CLIA Certificates PDF](#)

Additional Resources

- [Texas Medicaid Providers Manual](#) – Radiology & Laboratory Services Handbook, Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 (CLIA Requirements)
- [CMS CLIA Specialty Codes](#)
- [PEMS Licensing Requirements](#)

Next Steps for Providers

PCHP strongly encourages providers to:

- Review and update all CLIA information in PEMS.
- Ensure certifications are active and accurate.
- Share this guidance with administrative and billing staff.