



## CLIA Certification Requirements Update

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has updated requirements related to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certification. These changes affect how claims for laboratory services will be processed based on the CLIA information maintained in the Provider Enrollment Management System (PEMS).

### Soft Edit Requirements

**Dates of Service:** March 1 – May 31, 2026

- Claims will continue to process; however, a soft edit will be applied if the required CLIA certification is missing or incomplete in PEMS.
- Providers will receive an EOB/EOP message alerting them to missing or inaccurate CLIA information on file.
- Soft edits will NOT deny claims but serve as a notification to update CLIA details in PEMS as soon as possible.

### Hard Edit Requirements

**Dates of Service:** On and After June 1, 2026

- Claims WILL be denied if the applicable CLIA certification is not active, does not match the billed service, or is not present in PEMS.
- Providers must ensure CLIA information is updated in PEMS before resubmitting corrected claims.

### Provider Action Required

- Review your CLIA certification information currently listed in PEMS.
- Ensure your CLIA number, certificate type, and applicable specialties/subspecialties are accurate.
- Update PEMS promptly to prevent soft-edit warnings and avoid claim denials once hard edits begin.

### Where To Update CLIA Information

- All CLIA updates must be completed in the HHSC Provider Enrollment Management System (PEMS).

### Resources

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm12581-new-waived-tests.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/clia/docs/tests-granted-waived-status-under-clia.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/Downloads/ppmplist.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/Downloads/lccodes.pdf>

<https://www.tmhp.com/topics/provider-enrollment/pems/licenses>

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### Questions?

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