



Important Notice: CLIA Implementation Delayed

Parkland Community Health Plan (PCHP) would like to notify providers of an important update from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) requirements.

Key Details

- The previously scheduled June 1, 2026 implementation of CLIA-related claim denials based on PEMS data has been delayed until further notice.
- HHSC anticipates a delay of at least three months; a new implementation date will be announced in a future notice.

Impact to PCHP Providers

- Claims will not be denied based on CLIA data from PEMS at this time.
- Providers will continue to see warning (soft edit) messages on their EOPs, if applicable.

Provider Responsibilities (Unchanged)

All providers performing laboratory services must continue to:

- Submit and update CLIA certification information in PEMS.
- Update CLIA information during provider enrollment revalidation, as applicable, by completing the License/Certification/Accreditation section in PEMS.
- Guidance is available at www.tmhp.com/topics/provider-enrollment/pems/licenses

Updating CLIA Certifications in PEMS

Providers can update their CLIA information in PEMS through PEMS Maintenance – License transactions, PEMS Existing Enrollment transactions, or PEMS Revalidation transactions.

- If providers are disenrolled, they must update their CLIA information through a PEMS Reenrollment request.
- If providers are enrolled and outside of their revalidation window, they can update it through a PEMS Maintenance or PEMS Existing Enrollment request.
- If providers are enrolled and within their revalidation window, they can update their CLIA information through a PEMS Revalidation or PEMS Maintenance request if they have not yet submitted a Revalidation application. Providers that have already submitted a Revalidation application cannot access a PEMS Maintenance request.

Important Note

Due to ongoing delays in provider enrollment processing (90-120 business days), updates submitted through PEMS—including CLIA information—may not be reflected until enrollment or revalidation requests are fully approved.

Resources

- [Texas Medicaid Providers Manual \(TMPPM\)](#), Radiology and Laboratory Services Handbook: 2.1.1 Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) and 2.1.2 CLIA Requirements
- The full list of CLIA certification specialty type codes from CMS can be found in the following link: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/Downloads/lccodes.pdf>

Next steps: Providers are strongly advised to share this information with their staff and ensure CLIA certifications are current in PEMS.

If you have any questions, please email Provider Operations at PCHP.ProviderOperations@phhs.org.