

New CLLS Rate Methodology Data Submission Deadline Extended and Clarified Reporting Requirement

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has extended the new lab rate methodology data submission deadline until **August 30, 2013**. DHCS has also added a requirement that any provider that believes they should be exempt from reporting data must report the reason for the exemption, the name of the provider(s), and National Provider Identifier (NPI) number(s) to labcomments@dhcs.ca.gov. Below is the original notification with the updated deadline and requirement.

Assembly Bill 1494 (Chapter 28, Statutes of 2012) authorizes DHCS to develop a new rate methodology for clinical laboratory and laboratory services (CLLS). The new rate methodology determines rates that are comparable to payment amounts received by other payers. To establish this methodology, AB 1494 directs CLLS providers that billed Medi-Cal in 2011 to submit data reports based on the 2011 calendar year.

DHCS must determine the average lowest price providers receive from third-party payers other than Medi-Cal and develop rates for these services at either the lowest rate other payers are paying or at 80 percent of the Medicare rate, whichever is lower. DHCS held several stakeholder meetings between August 2012 and March 2013 to finalize the data elements to be collected and the format to be used for data submission.

DHCS has posted the final rate methodology proposal and an updated electronic spreadsheet that providers must use to electronically submit fee schedules to DHCS on the [Clinical Laboratory and Laboratory Services Rate Methodology Change](#) page of the DHCS website. Also on the page is Table 1 which includes the NPIs for providers required to submit data. Please do not alter the formatted fee schedule excel spreadsheet. Providers should complete only the open fields on the form and submit the data in the spreadsheet format (no PDFs). Providers must email their completed fee schedules spreadsheet to labcomments@dhcs.ca.gov. All data submissions must be submitted to DHCS electronically.

The original deadline for the submission was May 31, 2013. The Department has extended the deadline to **August 30, 2013** to ensure that providers have additional time to report data. The data reports submitted to DHCS must be certified by the provider's certified financial officer or an authorized individual. Providers' data submissions are confidential. Laboratory providers with NPI number(s) listed on Table 1 that believe they should be exempted from submitting data need to report the reason to DHCS by August 30, 2013. Please send the Department an email to labcomments@dhcs.ca.gov that includes your provider name(s), NPI number(s), and an explanation why you should be exempt from reporting data.

If you have provided your fee schedules prior to this announcement there is no need to resubmit your fee schedules.

For more information, providers may email DHCS at labcomments@dhcs.ca.gov or visit the [Clinical Laboratory and Laboratory Services Rate Methodology Change](#) page of the DHCS website.