



State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: All Providers (Except Transportation, Pharmacy and DME Providers)

SUBJECT: Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) UPDATE

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: A Newsletter (Volume 2 No. 39, dated August 1992) regarding the federal regulations governing laboratory testing in relation to CLIA was sent to the above named providers. In accordance with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) instructions, the Newsletter stated that as of September 1, 1992, all facilities or entities that perform clinical laboratory testing would not be reimbursed by Medicaid for services performed on or after September 1, 1992, without a CLIA identification number.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Medicaid Alert is to inform providers that due to a backlog at HCFA, the issuance of some CLIA identification numbers has been delayed. Therefore, in accordance with new HCFA instructions, providers will be reimbursed without a CLIA identification number for laboratory services performed on or after September 1, 1992. All facilities or entities which are subject to the CLIA regulations must apply for their CLIA identification number. Payments for all claims for laboratory services provided on or after September 1, 1992, are subject to recovery if the providers do not register for a CLIA certificate.

Providers will be notified of the date of full implementation for CLIA as soon as the New Jersey Medicaid program is notified by HCFA.

To obtain information on how to participate in the CLIA program, please call (410) 290-5850 or write to:

HCFA CLIA Program
P. O. Box 26689
Baltimore, MD 21207-0489

As an alternative, providers may contact the New Jersey Department of Health at (609) 530-6172 or (609) 530-6152 to obtain necessary CLIA forms.

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