

Clinical laboratory improvement amendments number – additional information

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The purpose of this article is to provide additional information regarding submission of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (*CLIA*) number on claims for laboratory services that include QW or 90 modifiers. As a reminder, claims filed without the *CLIA* number are considered incomplete and will reject.

Both paper and electronic claim formats accommodate the *CLIA* number.

- On the *CMS-1500* form, box 23 (Prior Authorization) is reserved for the *CLIA*
- On the 837P, REF segments are available: REF (X4) in loops 2300 and 2400, and REF (F4) in loop 2400.

Note: The *CLIA* number for the referring clinical laboratory should be included in REF (F4).

The following examples illustrate how the *CLIA* number as well as procedure code modifiers QW and 90 should be filed.

Claim format		Location(s) reserved for procedure modifier and CLIA number	
Modifier QW — diagnostic lab service is a CLIA waived test			
CLIA waived tests — Simple laboratory examinations and procedures that have an insignificant risk of an erroneous result			
CMS-1500		Procedure modifier QW: Box 24d	CLIA number: Box 23 Prior Authorization
837P		Procedure modifier QW: Loop 2400 SV101-3 (first position)	CLIA number: Loop 2300 or 2400 REF X4
Modifier 90 — Reference (outside) laboratory			
Referring laboratory — refers a specimen to another laboratory for testing Reference laboratory — receives a specimen from another laboratory and performs one or more tests on that specimen			
CMS-1500		Procedure modifier 90: Box 24d	CLIA number: Box 23 Prior Authorization
837P	Procedure modifier 90: Loop 2400 SV101-3 — SV101-6	CLIA number: Loop 2300 or 2400 REF X4	CLIA number — Referring facility identification: Loop 2400 REF F4

Additional information regarding CLIA is available on the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA>. If you have additional questions, please call the telephone number on the back of the member's identification card.

URL: <https://providernews.anthem.com/california/article/clinical-laboratory-improvement-amendments-number-additional-information-1>

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