



# Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment: October 2025 Update

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<b>Related CR Title:</b> Quarterly Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment	

## Affected Providers

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- Laboratories
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for laboratory services

## Action Needed

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Make sure your billing staff knows about:

- When the next Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) reporting period for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests (CDLTs) begins
- New and deleted CPT codes effective October 1, 2025

## Background

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Under the [CLFS final rule](#), reporting entities must give CMS certain private payor rate information for their component applicable laboratories.

On September 26, 2024, Congress passed section 221 of the [Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025](#), which delayed data reporting requirements for CDLTs that aren't advanced diagnostic laboratory tests (ADLTs). It also delayed the phase-in of payment reductions under the CLFS for private payor rate implementation.

- The next data reporting period is January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026
- A 0% payment reduction applies for CY 2025 to CDLTs that aren't ADLTs
- CYs 2026–28, will have a 15% maximum payment reduction compared with the payment amount established for tests the previous year
- CDLTs that aren't ADLTs have a 3-year data reporting cycle after the next data reporting period (that is, 2029, 2032, etc.)

## Key Updates

### ADLTs

See [ADLT Information](#) for more details on these tests.

### New Proprietary Laboratory Analysis Codes

The [new codes table](#) in CR 14211 lists new codes effective October 1, 2025, that we're adding to the HCPCS file. MACs don't need to manually add these codes to the HCPCS file. However, these new codes are MAC-priced (where applicable) until they're nationally priced and undergo the CLFS annual payment determination process per sections 1833(h)(8), 1834(A)(c), and 1834(A)(f) of the [Social Security Act](#). MACs price proprietary laboratory analysis codes for laboratories only within their jurisdiction.

### Deleted Codes

The [deleted codes table](#) in CR 14211 lists codes we deleted effective October 1, 2025.

**Note:** MACs won't search their files to retract payment or retroactively pay claims but will adjust claims you bring to their attention.

## More Information

We issued CR 14211 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. For more information, find your [MAC's website](#).

## Document History

Date of Change	Description
September 8, 2025	Initial article released.

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