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ESRD Facilities and Independent Laboratory: Non-Routine Laboratory Services

Louisiana Medicaid reimburses end-stage renal disease (ESRD) providers for both routine and covered medically necessary non-routine laboratory services. ESRD providers may contract with outside laboratories to perform these lab procedures. Routine lab work is an integral part of outpatient hemodialysis services and reimbursement for routine lab services is included in the dialysis reimbursement rate.

Effective with date of service October 20, 2020, covered medically necessary non-routine laboratory services performed by approved Medicaid laboratories can be billed separately by either the contracted laboratory or by the dialysis facility. The ESRD facility and their contracted laboratory must coordinate billing to ensure duplicate payments do not occur.

If a claim for non-routine laboratory services is submitted by the dialysis provider, they shall not charge Medicaid for an amount that exceeds the amount paid to the contracted laboratory.

Providers may submit new claims or resubmit any improperly denied claims for dates of service on or after October 20, 2020.

For questions regarding fee-for-service claims, please contact Gainwell Technologies, Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

Questions regarding managed care claims should be directed to the appropriate managed care organization.