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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 dates of service on or after October 20, 2020, claims for covered medically necessary non-routine laboratory services performed by approved Medicaid laboratories ~~can be billed~~ may be submitted 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.

Billed charges on ~~if a~~ claims for covered, non-routine laboratory services ~~is~~ submitted by the dialysis provider, ~~they shall not charge Medicaid for an amount that~~ exceed the amount the dialysis provider paid to their contracted laboratory for the same procedure on the same date of service.

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.