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# OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL LABORATORY FEE SCHEDULE

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- **Outpatient Hospital Laboratory Fee Schedule**

Clinical diagnostic laboratory services billed by outpatient hospitals are paid according to the Outpatient Hospital Laboratory Fee Schedule rather than a percentage of billed charges in order to comply with the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 (DEFRA).

Each year, new laboratory test codes are added to the outpatient hospital laboratory fee schedule and corresponding fees are developed. Effective September 15, 2017, the temporary (G codes) that represent laboratory services will also be included on the Outpatient Hospital Laboratory Fee Schedule.

By September 15, 2017, providers will no longer have to purchase the Outpatient Hospital Laboratory Fee Schedule; the fee schedule will be posted on the MO HealthNet [Information for Providers](#) page under Fee Schedules & Rate Lists.

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**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Managed Care Services

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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573-751-2896