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Professional Component of Clinical Pathology Services

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MO HealthNet (MHD) developed the clinical laboratory rates on the outpatient simplified fee schedule based on Medicare's clinical laboratory fee schedule. Medicare's payment to the hospital for outpatient services under the clinical lab fee schedule covers the management and supervision services performed by the pathologist. Therefore, MHD's payment to the hospital for outpatient services under the outpatient simplified fee schedule also covers management and supervision services performed by the pathologist. Hospitals are responsible for paying the pathologist for their professional services.

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

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Provider Communications Hotline
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