

February 25, 2026

## CLARIFICATION FOR CLIA IMPLEMENTATION

### BACKGROUND

Revised Implementation Timeframes of CLIA Certification Data

### KEY DETAILS

The revised implementation date for the soft edit is March 1, 2026.

The soft edit would not deny the CLIA claim, but it should be set up to allow the claim to process, but warn and notify the provider through the explanation of benefits (EOB)/explanation of payment (EOP) the applicable CLIA certification is not present in the HHSC Provider Enrollment Management System (PEMS) for the lab service/procedure billed, and needs to be updated in PEMS.

Please note that the March 1, 2026 implementation date for the edits is based on claim DOS (date of service), and the application of the requirement does not impact any adjusted claims with DOS prior to the implementation of the edits.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, if the CLIA certification is not updated in PEMS, providers will start receiving denials.

### QUESTIONS

For any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Community Provider Performance Manager (provider representative). E-mail: [ProviderRelationsInquiries@CommunityHealthChoice.org](mailto:ProviderRelationsInquiries@CommunityHealthChoice.org)