



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: July 10, 2024
To: Georgia Medicaid Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Hospital Outpatient Lab Pricing Update
Effective Date: September 1, 2024

Summary

CareSource currently prices outpatient lab services at the Medicare Rate + Hospital Add-On Rate (Medicaid Rate x .1188) x Number of Units. Starting on Sept. 1, 2024, CareSource will update the pricing methodology for outpatient lab services to pay the lesser of the following:

The Medicaid Allowed Amount {Medicaid Rate + Hospital Add-On Rate (Medicaid Rate x .1188) x Number of Units}

OR

The Medicare Allowed Amount (Medicare Rate x Number of Units) in line with Appendix K of the [GAMMIS Policies and Procedures for Hospital Services Manual](#).

Impact

CareSource will update its pricing logic for hospital outpatient lab services in accordance with Medicaid policy. Hospitals billing for these services will see this update reflected in their payment for services effective Sept. 1, 2024.

Importance

CareSource will pay for outpatient lab services using “lessor of” logic in accordance with Georgia Medicaid policy.

Questions?

Please contact Provider Services at **1-855-202-1058** with any questions. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

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