

Notice Date: August 16, 2024
To: Georgia Medicaid Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Hospital Outpatient Lab Pricing Update **Revision**
Effective Date: **October 15, 2024**

This notification is an update to the [network notification](#) posted on July 10, 2024. Updates are outlined in red font.

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 **October 15, 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 **with October 15, 2024 dates of service. CareSource will also reprocess claims in accordance with the Provider Agreement, Policies and Procedures and applicable Law.**

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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