2019 Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) Public Use File (PUF)
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File Contents:

The 2019 CLFS was completed according to the instructions issued in the most recent Change Request (CR) pertaining to the Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment. The Program Transmittals can be accessed online at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/.

19CLABQ#.ZIP, a compressed file publically available online at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/Clinical-Laboratory-Fee-Schedule-Files.html, includes the CLFS and supporting documents for Calendar Year (CY) 2019. Upon extraction, four separate files will become available:
1) **CLAB2019Q#.xls**, an excel file containing CLFS data;
2) **CLAB2019Q#.txt**, a text file containing CLFS data;
3) **CLAB2019Q#.csv**, a comma delimited file containing CLFS data;
4) **CLAB2019Q#.pdf,** a PDF which contains general information about the file's content, background, organization, update schedule, and record layout; and

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Record Layout:

See Attachments A-1 and A-2.

Record Layout for the 2019 CLFS PUF
CLAB2019Q#.xls & CLAB2019Q#.csv

Column	Name	Comment
1	Year	Current calendar year associated with the CLFS.
2	HCPCS Code	All active CPT and alpha-numeric codes subject to the CLFS.
3	Modifier	Where modifier is shown, QW denotes a CLIA waived test.
4	Effective Date	The date for which the HCPCS code becomes effective. All codes will have a '20190101' effective date per the first quarter of the new CLFS.
5	Indicator	National or local pricing indicator.
6	Payment Rate	Payment amount associated with each HCPCS code.
7	Description	Short description of the applicable HCPCS code.

Record Layout for the 2019 CLFS PUF
CLAB2019Q#.txt

Field Name	Start/End Position	Picture	Comment
Header Record (Lines 1 – 2)			
Header Indicator	1-3	X(03)	Value 'HDR'
Filler	4-4	X(01)	Value ','
Copyright Statement	5-97	X(93)	
Filler	93-100	X(3)	
Data Record (Lines 3 – END)			
Year	1-4	X(04)	20**'
Filler	5-5	X(01)	Value ','
HCPCS Code	6-10	X(05)	All active CPT and alpha-numeric codes subject to the CLFS.
Filler	11-11	X(01)	Value ','
Modifier	12-13	X(02)	Where modifier is shown, QW denotes a CLIA waived test.
Filler	14-14	X(01)	Value ','
Effective Date	15-22	X(08)	The date for which the HCPCS code becomes effective. All codes will have a '20190101' effective date per the first quarter of the new CLFS.
Filler	23-23	X(01)	Value ','
Indicator	24-24	X(01)	National or local pricing indicator.
Filler	25-25	X(01)	Value ','
Payment Rate	26-33	99999.99	Payment amount associated with each HCPCS code.
Filler	34-34	X(01)	Value ','
Short Description	35-74	X(40)	Short description of the applicable HCPCS code.
Filler	75-100	X(04)	