

FAQ #5 Why do I have to be CLIA certified?

Q: I'm not billing Medicare/Medicaid or any insurance for my patient testing services. Why do I have to be a CLIA certified lab?

A: Congress passed the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) establishing quality standards for all laboratory testing to ensure the accuracy, reliability and timeliness of patient test results regardless of where the test was performed.

CLIA certification is required whenever there is testing on a human specimen for the diagnosis or assessment of health. Billing and Medicaid reimbursement are not the basis for requiring a CLIA certificate.