# CLIA Billing Tip Sheet

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| NH Healthy Families | Denial EXc1 - Invalid CLIA number  
  • Missing CLIA number  
  • CLIA number is not in the correct format  
| Denial EXc2 - Procedure not allowed for CLIA certification type  
  • Procedure code was billed with the QW modifier, but the code does not qualify as a CLIA waived test.  
  • QW modifier is missing on a test that is CLIA waived | CMS-1500  
  • Use box 23 to note the CLIA certification or waiver number  
  • Utilize the QW modifier for all CLIA waived services |
| Ambetter from NH Healthy Families | Rejection B5 - The CLIA number is missing, incomplete or invalid  
  • CLIA information will need to be corrected and a new claim submitted | |

- The CLIA number is a 10 digit long number and certain positions within the 10-digit numbered system contain information such as:
  1) The state code which represents the lab’s physical location
  2) The CLIA system assigned number that identifies the laboratory. This number is unique and no other laboratory shares the same information.

- CLIA waived laboratory codes must be billed with Modifier QW
  ○ Please refer to CMS.gov for the most current list of all CLIA waived services

NH Health Families Resources:
- Payment Policy
- Billing Manual

Ambetter from NH Healthy Families Resources:
- Billing Manual

*This policy does not apply to independent pathologists rendering the professional component of a laboratory service.