



Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) Timeline

<i>Date</i>	<i>PAMA Development</i>
April 1, 2014	Enactment of PAMA. Section 216 establishes Medicare policies for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests including reporting of private sector payment rates and establishment of market-based payment.
June 30, 2015	Date specified in statute for establishment of parameters for data collection through notice and comment rulemaking
October 1, 2015	Proposed Rule for Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Payment System published
June 23, 2016	Publication of Final Rule for Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Payment System published
August 5, 2016	CMS Listing of HCPCS codes for collection and reporting for initial reporting period (January 1 – March 30, 2017) posted
August 8, 2016	CMS Guidance to Laboratories for Collecting and Reporting Data for the Private Payor Rate-Based Payment System posted
September 13, 2016	Fee-For-Service Data Collection System: Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Data Reporting Template released
October 2016	CMS Frequently Asked Questions on Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Payment System Final Rule released
November 2, 2016	CMS Conference Call on Data Reporting Required by PAMA
January 4, 2017	Additional Guidance for Clinical Laboratories as Data Reporting Begins released
January 9, 2017	CLFS User Manual released
March 9, 2017	Updated Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Applicable Laboratory Status released
March 30, 2017	Announcement of 60-day period of “enforcement discretion” through May 30, 2017 allowing applicable laboratories an additional 60 days report private payor data required under PAMA to CMS without fear of penalty
September 22, 2017	CY 2018 Preliminary Private-Payor Rate-Based CLFS released
November 22, 2017	CY 2018 Final Private Payor Rate-Based CLFS released