



LOCAL 36 BENEFIT FUNDS

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RE: Out of Network Laboratories

Recently the Fund Office has been receiving an influx of Out of Network Laboratory claims. These labs are performing unnecessary tests at a large cost to you and to the Fund in upwards of \$50,000 per request. Often, you as a patient are unaware that your lab work is going to an Out of Network Lab. It is always a good idea to let your doctor know that your lab work needs to be done by a CMR/in network provider with Coventry. This will save money for both you and the Fund.

Here are some examples of the price difference between CMR/in network coverage through Coventry and Out of Network coverage for codes typically ordered for Pain Management:

Code	Charged amount	Out of Network	Quest	Labcorp
80301	\$2500.00	\$2500.00	\$1250.00	\$135.90
80321	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$155.00	\$33.51
80345	\$1116.00	\$1116.00	\$558.00	\$33.05
80346	\$1240.00	\$1240.00	\$620.00	\$24.62
80361	\$1032.30	\$1032.30	\$516.15	\$25.39
80365	\$1580.00	\$1580.00	\$790.00	\$19.90

As of January 1, 2016, the Fund Office will be requesting Office Notes and a Letter of Medical Necessity from the referring doctor. We will then send claims out to an Independent Provider who will review the claim and determine the medical necessity of the services. If the services are deemed to be not medically necessary then those services are excluded from coverage and will be denied.

If you have any questions please contact the Fund Office at 314-652-8175 and ask for either Fran at ext. 306 or Diane at ext. 305.