

## Pass-through bills for laboratory services will be denied, effective May 21, 2019

We will deny bills processed on or after May 21, 2019, for pass-through laboratory services, meaning the services were not performed by the provider submitting the bill. Pass-through bills are submitted with modifier 90 in place of service (POS) 11 (office setting). The laboratories that perform these services should bill Cigna for them directly. We will reimburse them according to the customer's benefit plan. This change will:

- Affect all laboratory service codes billed with modifier 90 in POS 11.
- Be reflected in the Laboratory Services (R17) reimbursement policy and the Modifier Reimbursement Guide (MRG) policy.

Note: This policy is effective May 21, 2019.

Information about this update will be included in an April 2019 Network News article.