



Welcome to the CMS CLIA Communications Update!

CMS is improving the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) program by switching to electronic fee coupons and CLIA certificates. To take full advantage of these improvements, laboratories and providers that perform laboratory testing have **until March 1, 2026**, to switch to CMS email notifications and begin receiving electronic CLIA fee coupons and certificates. **With this switch, CMS is moving to a completely electronic system. After this date, paper fee coupons and paper CLIA certificates will no longer be available.**

By switching to electronic notifications, your laboratory will get:

- **Email notifications** from CMS
- **Electronic fee coupons***
- **Electronic CLIA certificate** - no more waiting for it to come in the mail*

**This does not apply to CLIA-exempt states or state licensure.*

To switch, you must:

- Provide written notification to your [State Agency](#) by email. **Tip:** Include your laboratory name, laboratory director or owner's name, CLIA number, director or designee's signature to help your State Agency make the switch.

-OR-

- Contact your Accreditation Organization, if you're an accredited laboratory. They can now add or update email addresses for the laboratories they survey.

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- Fill out the [CMS-116 application form](#). To switch to electronic notifications, check the box, **“Receive notifications including electronic certificates via email.”**

Reach out to your [State Agency](#) or Accreditation Organization for assistance. For more details, visit [Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments \(CLIA\)](#).

If you’ve already made the switch, we thank you. No further action is required.