

**Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule****Comparison of 2017 CLFS  
and Preliminary 2018 CLFS (Released Sep. 2017)**

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HCP/CS/ CPT Code	Description	2017 National Limit Amount	Weighted Median	2018 Payment w/ Cap	Payment % Change
80048	Metabolic panel total ca	\$11.60	\$8.06	\$10.44	-10%
80051	Electrolyte panel	\$9.62	\$6.04	\$8.66	-10%
80053	Comprehen metabolic panel	\$14.49	\$9.08	\$13.04	-10%
80061	Lipid panel	\$0.00	\$11.23	\$11.23	0%
80069	Renal function panel	\$11.91	\$7.94	\$10.72	-10%
80076	Hepatic function panel	\$11.21	\$7.13	\$10.09	-10%
80171	Drug screen quant gabapentin	\$18.18	\$21.67	\$21.67	19%
80184	Assay of phenobarbital	\$15.71	\$15.30	\$15.30	-3%
80299	Quantitative assay drug	\$18.79	\$18.64	\$18.64	-1%
81000	Urinalysis nonauto w/scope	\$4.35	\$4.02	\$4.02	-8%
81001	Urinalysis auto w/scope	\$4.35	\$2.82	\$3.92	-10%
81002	Urinalysis nonauto w/o scope	\$3.50	\$3.48	\$3.48	-1%
81003	Urinalysis auto w/o scope	\$3.08	\$2.18	\$2.77	-10%
82040	Assay of serum albumin	\$6.79	\$4.21	\$6.11	-10%
82043	Microalbumin quantitative	\$7.93	\$4.85	\$7.14	-10%
82044	Microalbumin semiquant	\$6.28	\$6.23	\$6.23	-1%
82150	Assay of amylase	\$8.89	\$5.78	\$8.00	-10%
82172	Assay of apolipoprotein	\$21.26	\$21.09	\$21.09	-1%
82247	Bilirubin total	\$6.88	\$3.67	\$6.19	-10%
82248	Bilirubin direct	\$6.88	\$4.40	\$6.19	-10%
82270	Occult blood feces	\$4.46	\$4.38	\$4.38	-2%
82274	Assay test for blood fecal	\$21.82	\$15.92	\$19.64	-10%
82306	Vitamin d 25 hydroxy	\$40.61	\$26.37	\$36.55	-10%
82310	Assay of calcium	\$7.08	\$4.10	\$6.37	-10%
82378	Carcinoembryonic antigen	\$26.01	\$16.90	\$23.41	-10%
82542	Column chromatography quant	\$24.77	\$24.09	\$24.09	-3%
82550	Assay of ck (cpk)	\$8.93	\$5.80	\$8.04	-10%
82565	Assay of creatinine	\$7.03	\$4.89	\$6.33	-10%
82570	Assay of urine creatinine	\$7.10	\$4.62	\$6.39	-10%
82607	Vitamin B-12	\$20.68	\$13.43	\$18.61	-10%
82728	Assay of ferritin	\$18.70	\$12.13	\$16.83	-10%
82746	Assay of folic acid serum	\$20.17	\$12.88	\$18.15	-10%
82784	Assay iga/igd/igg/igm each	\$12.76	\$8.28	\$11.48	-10%
82947	Assay glucose blood quant	\$5.39	\$3.68	\$4.85	-10%
82962	Glucose blood test	\$3.21	\$3.28	\$3.28	2%
82977	Assay of GGT	\$9.88	\$5.53	\$8.89	-10%
83036	Glycosylated hemoglobin test	\$13.32	\$8.50	\$11.99	-10%
83090	Assay of homocystine	\$23.14	\$17.92	\$20.83	-10%
83516	Immunoassay nonantibody	\$15.82	\$10.27	\$14.24	-10%
83520	Immunoassay quant nos nonab	\$17.76	\$17.27	\$17.27	-3%
83540	Assay of iron	\$8.88	\$5.73	\$7.99	-10%
83550	Iron binding test	\$11.99	\$7.74	\$10.79	-10%
83615	Lactate (LD) (LDH) enzyme	\$8.28	\$4.91	\$7.45	-10%
83690	Assay of lipase	\$9.45	\$6.13	\$8.51	-10%
83704	Lipoprotein bld by nmr	\$43.28	\$34.19	\$38.95	-10%
83721	Assay of blood lipoprotein	\$13.09	\$10.50	\$11.78	-10%
83735	Assay of magnesium	\$9.19	\$6.12	\$8.27	-10%
83789	Mass spectrometry quant	\$24.77	\$24.11	\$24.11	-3%

HCPCS/ CPT Code	Description	2017 National Limit Amount	Weighted Median	2018 Payment w/ Cap	Payment % Change
83861	Microfluid analy tears	\$22.66	\$22.48	\$22.48	-1%
83880	Assay of natriuretic peptide	\$46.56	\$39.26	\$41.90	-10%
83883	Assay nephelometry not spec	\$18.65	\$12.11	\$16.79	-10%
83921	Organic acid single quant	\$22.57	\$21.21	\$21.21	-6%
83970	Assay of parathormone	\$56.62	\$36.76	\$50.96	-10%
83986	Assay ph body fluid nos	\$4.91	\$3.42	\$4.42	-10%
83992	Assay for phencyclidine	\$20.17	\$16.80	\$18.15	-10%
84075	Assay alkaline phosphatase	\$7.10	\$3.66	\$6.39	-10%
84100	Assay of phosphorus	\$6.50	\$4.16	\$5.85	-10%
84132	Assay of serum potassium	\$6.31	\$4.76	\$5.68	-10%
84153	Assay of psa total	\$25.23	\$16.38	\$22.71	-10%
84155	Assay of protein serum	\$5.03	\$3.24	\$4.53	-10%
84156	Assay of protein urine	\$5.03	\$3.26	\$4.53	-10%
84311	Spectrophotometry	\$9.59	\$8.10	\$8.63	-10%
84403	Assay of total testosterone	\$35.41	\$22.89	\$31.87	-10%
84436	Assay of total thyroxine	\$9.42	\$6.08	\$8.48	-10%
84439	Assay of free thyroxine	\$12.37	\$8.03	\$11.13	-10%
84443	Assay thyroid stim hormone	\$23.05	\$14.87	\$20.75	-10%
84450	Transferase (AST) (SGOT)	\$7.10	\$4.59	\$6.39	-10%
84460	Alanine amino (ALT) (SGPT)	\$7.27	\$4.71	\$6.54	-10%
84478	Assay of triglycerides	\$7.88	\$4.81	\$7.09	-10%
84479	Assay of thyroid (t3 or t4)	\$8.87	\$5.67	\$7.98	-10%
84480	Assay triiodothyronine (t3)	\$19.45	\$12.54	\$17.51	-10%
84481	Free assay (FT-3)	\$23.24	\$14.84	\$20.92	-10%
84520	Assay of urea nitrogen	\$5.42	\$3.30	\$4.88	-10%
84550	Assay of blood/uric acid	\$6.20	\$4.02	\$5.58	-10%
85007	BI smear w/diff wbc count	\$4.71	\$3.80	\$4.24	-10%
85014	Hematocrit	\$3.25	\$2.10	\$2.93	-10%
85018	Hemoglobin	\$3.25	\$2.32	\$2.93	-10%
85025	Complete cbc w/auto diff wbc	\$10.66	\$6.88	\$9.59	-10%
85027	Complete cbc automated	\$8.87	\$5.91	\$7.98	-10%
85610	Prothrombin time	\$5.39	\$4.29	\$4.85	-10%
85651	Rbc sed rate nonautomated	\$4.87	\$4.27	\$4.38	-10%
85652	Rbc sed rate automated	\$3.70	\$2.41	\$3.33	-10%
85730	Thromboplastin time partial	\$8.24	\$5.35	\$7.42	-10%
86003	Allergen specific IgE	\$7.16	\$4.65	\$6.44	-10%
86038	Antinuclear antibodies	\$16.58	\$10.77	\$14.92	-10%
86140	C-reactive protein	\$7.10	\$4.61	\$6.39	-10%
86141	C-reactive protein hs	\$17.76	\$12.48	\$15.98	-10%
86160	Complement antigen	\$16.46	\$10.70	\$14.81	-10%
86235	Nuclear antigen antibody	\$24.60	\$15.87	\$22.14	-10%
86300	Immunoassay tumor ca 15-3	\$28.55	\$18.54	\$25.70	-10%
86431	Rheumatoid factor quant	\$7.78	\$5.06	\$7.00	-10%
86803	Hepatitis c ab test	\$19.57	\$12.71	\$17.61	-10%
87070	Culture othr specimn aerobic	\$11.82	\$7.67	\$10.64	-10%
87077	Culture aerobic identify	\$11.08	\$7.19	\$9.97	-10%
87086	Urine culture/colony count	\$11.07	\$7.19	\$9.96	-10%
87088	Urine bacteria culture	\$11.10	\$7.21	\$9.99	-10%
87186	Microbe susceptible mic	\$11.86	\$7.70	\$10.67	-10%
87798	Detect agent nos dna amp	\$48.14	\$29.83	\$43.33	-10%
87804	Influenza assay w/optic	\$16.44	\$16.55	\$16.55	1%
87880	Strep a assay w/optic	\$16.44	\$16.53	\$16.53	1%