

HB 1599 -- MO HEALTHNET REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLINICAL PATHOLOGY SERVICES

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This bill requires MO HealthNet to pay the fee for the portion of clinical pathology services that involves the pathologist's professional expertise in interpreting and supervising laboratory tests, excluding the technical component of performing the laboratory tests that are provided by hospital-based pathologists for inpatient services. The reimbursement rate is set at 30% of the approved outpatient fee schedule based on Medicare's clinical laboratory fee schedule. Payments are directed to either the hospital or the third-party provider, depending on whether the pathologist is employed by the hospital. The Department of Social Services is responsible for creating necessary rules and regulations for the provisions of this bill.