

# Lipid Reimbursement

## CardioChek Analyzers: CLIA-Waived

CardioChek test systems are simple and convenient to use. They have been designed to be the fastest, most cost-efficient and user-friendly method to accurately determine lipid values. In as little as 90 seconds, CardioChek test systems provide lipid and glucose values and measurements using the same technology as clinical laboratories. Handheld and battery-powered, a CardioChek analyzer requires a small blood sample from a simple fingerstick. Certified by the Cholesterol Reference Method Laboratory Network (CRMLN) and National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP), CardioChek analyzers are also FDA-cleared, CE-marked, and are CLIA-waived by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

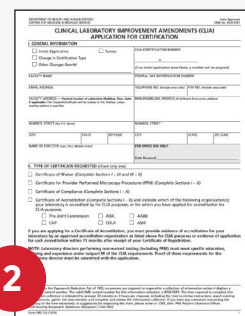
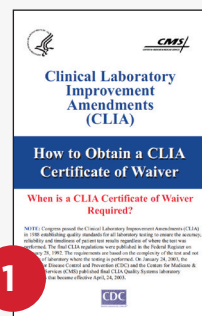
## Steps to Obtain Medicare Reimbursement for Lipid Testing

The first step for a physician office to obtain Medicare reimbursement for point-of-care lipid testing is to obtain a CLIA Certificate of Waiver. The physician office or laboratory will need to pay a fee every two years, and agree to follow the manufacturer’s instructions for performing clinical lab tests.

PTS Diagnostics provides redirect links that will take users directly to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website to begin this simple process.

**1** **Instruction on how to complete CLIA Certificate of Waiver form<sup>1</sup>**  
[CLIA-Certificate-Brochure.ptstdiagnostics.com](http://CLIA-Certificate-Brochure.ptstdiagnostics.com)

**2** **PDF of CLIA Certificate of Waiver form<sup>2</sup>**  
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# Quick Facts: Lipid Reimbursement

## CPT or Current Procedural Terminology codes:

**80061 QW – (Lipid Panel)** Lipid testing used for evaluating atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and to monitor the progress of patients on lipid dietary management as well as pharmacological therapy for the treatment of elevated lipid disorders.

**QW** – A modifier used when coding for Medicare and Medicaid indicating that the test and laboratory have received a Certificate of Waiver. If overlooked or omitted when filing, it will result in denial of the Medicare or Medicaid claim.

**Lipid and Glucose Testing components:** Can be submitted separately; however, these CPT codes will be denied when submitted on the same day as a Lipid Panel (**80061 QW**)

**82465** – QW Cholesterol, blood

**84478** – QW Triglycerides

**83718** – QW HDL Cholesterol

**82947** – QW Glucose

**36416** – Collection of capillary blood (Fingerstick) specimen

**36415** – Collection of venous blood (green top/heparin) by venipuncture

## Frequency Limitations:

Patients on anti-lipid dietary/drug therapy

- One lipid profile per year
- One component of lipid panel or direct LDL up to 6 times during the first year
- Total cholesterol or direct LDL up to 3 times per year after treatment goals are achieved
- Triglycerides if elevated or patient is on drugs which may raise triglyceride levels



To learn more about CardioChek analyzers, visit [cardiochek.com](http://cardiochek.com)

1. <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/Downloads/HowObtainCertificateofWaiver.pdf>

2. <http://cms.hhs.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS116.pdf>