



## WHAT IS PAR AND NON-PAR?

### DEFINITIONS

**PAR:** Providers and/or facilities that **ARE** under contract with CIN's contracted payers and accept the payer's set fee schedule and do not balance bill patients

**NON-PAR:** Providers and/or facilities that are **NOT** under contract with CIN's contracted payers and/or do not accept the payer's set fee schedule and may balance bill patients

### WHY IS PAR vs. NON-PAR IMPORTANT?

When patients stay within contracted lab and imaging centers, it:

- Decreases health care costs to your patient and payers
- Ensures that providers treating CIN patients have agreed to be accountable for the cost and quality of care delivered
- Decreases administrative tasks and overhead
- Allows for increased visibility and enables performance to be more accurately measured

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

There are specific laboratory, imaging, and ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) that are in the CIN network and are also under contract with CIN's contracted payers. These centers should be considered first when CIN patients need services.

### FINDING A PAR FACILITY FOR MY PATIENT

- Create a CIN par labs and imaging "neighborhood" to share with your patients in need of a lab or imaging service.
- Whenever possible, please try and send patient to an in-network lab, depending on the specific patient's plan.
- Genetic testing and toxicology labs frequently have the highest out of network spend in all categories.
- Keep in mind any procedure performed on a CIN patient at a non-CIN facility will be counted against the PCP NUM. We are recognizing both provider and facility in the percentage now.

### IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK

- Is the lab or facility **contracted** with a payer? Avoid asking if they "accept" a payer.
- If the lab facility is contracted, what is their tier level?
- Who is the referring PCP?

## HOW TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

- If you are a specialist, it is important to note that a CIN patient can be identified through their payer ID card. However, a CIN patient may also be covered by other payers. Please be sure your staff is asking who the referring PCP is to correctly identify these CIN patients.