



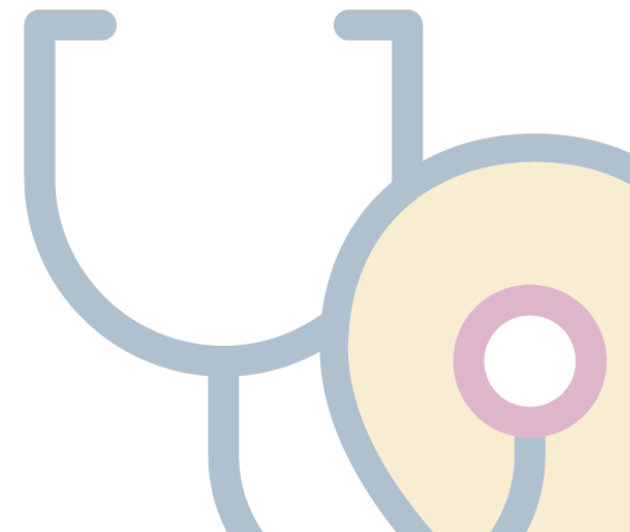
# UPDATING PAMA TIMELINES

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# CLFS Ratesetting Under PAMA

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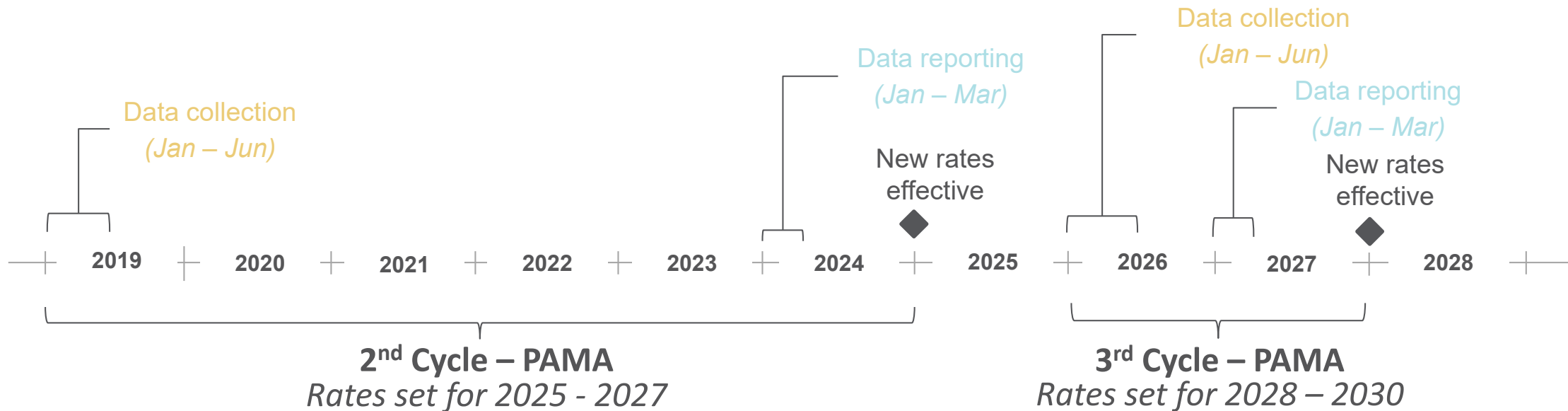
## Background

- CLFS rates for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests (CDLTs) are updated periodically based on private payer data reported to CMS
- Update process involves two important periods:
  - Data collection period – private payer data collected by labs
  - Data reporting period – private payer data reported by labs to CMS
- In general:
  - Collection period occurs in the year prior to the reporting period; and
  - CLFS rates are updated every 3 years

# CLFS Ratesetting under PAMA

## Date collection, reporting and implementation timeline

- However, several recent laws (e.g., 2022 Omnibus) have substantially delayed the usual reporting and ratesetting cycle



# PAMA Updates

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Current schedules for collection, reporting, and ratesetting

## Next CLFS rate update

- Collection period: **January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019**
- Reporting period: **January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024**
- Rates effective: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027

## Future CLFS update (1)

- Collection period: January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026
- Reporting period: January 1, 2027 – March 31, 2027
- Rates effective: January 1, 2028 – December 31, 2030

## Future CLFS update (2)

- Collection period: January 1, 2029 – June 30, 2029
- Reporting period: January 1, 2030 – March 31, 2030
- Rates effective: January 1, 2031 – December 31, 2033

**Codes that become effective from 2020-2024 will not have data collected from the first half of 2019 to set rates for 2025-2027**

**Unclear how CMS will handle these codes – i.e., whether go through the crosswalk / gapfill determination process all over again**

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## Maximum annual rate reductions

- PAMA limits the percentage decrease in the CLFS rate for any particular code for each year
  - 10% for 2019
  - 0% for each of 2021-2023
  - 15% for each of 2024-2026



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