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## 42 C.F.R. § 414.523

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### Payment for laboratory specimen collection fee and travel allowance.

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(a) *Specimen collection fee and travel allowance.* In addition to the payment amounts provided under this subpart for CDLTs, new CDLTs, and new ADLTs, CMS pays a specimen collection fee, as set forth in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and a travel allowance, as set forth in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(1) *Payment for specimen collection.* Except as provided in paragraph (a)(1)(v) of this section and subject to the annual update in paragraph (a)(1)(iv) of this section, beginning January 1, 2023, CMS pays \$8.57 for all specimens collected in one patient encounter, where the specimen(s) is:

(i) Used to perform a CDLT paid under this subpart G;

(ii) Collected by a trained technician from a Medicare beneficiary who is— —

(A) Homebound as described in 42 CFR 424.22(a)(1)(ii).

(B) A non-hospital inpatient, but only when no qualified personnel are available at the facility to collect the specimen;

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