



There is a growing body of empirical **evidence** related to the **multiple benefits** of **near patient laboratory testing**.

**In 2014, Congress enacted the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA), which required the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement a new payment methodology for determining the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule.**

“It would be difficult to treat cancer patients without near patient laboratory information.”

Michigan Physician

Several issues with the data received by CMS have stakeholders concerned that this will mean **unfair** cuts in new lab rates starting January 1, 2018. These cuts will be **devastating** to some of the most commonly performed tests which means:

- Delays in early treatment and diagnosis
- Lack of access for Medicare Patients
- Physicians to stop testing in their practice



*Clinical Laboratories Serving Michigan Residents. Reference: 2017 CLIA database.*

# Impact of PAMA on Patient Care in Michigan

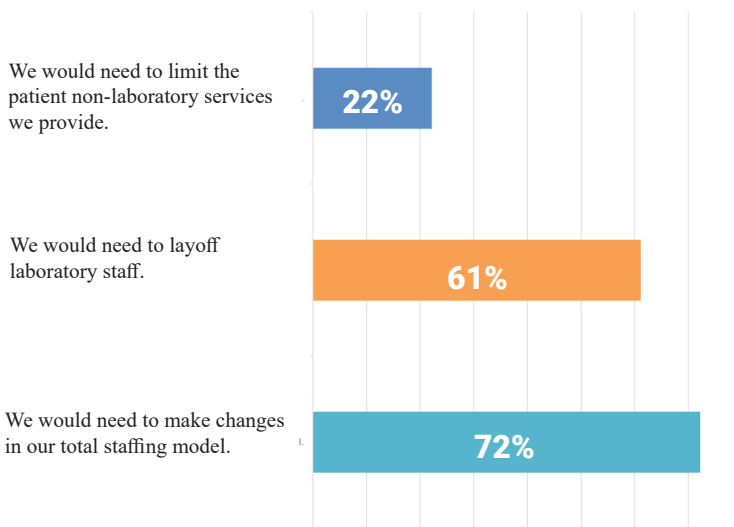
**Did you know 4 out of 5 doctors in Michigan believe that PAMA cuts will have a substantial negative impact on their patients.**

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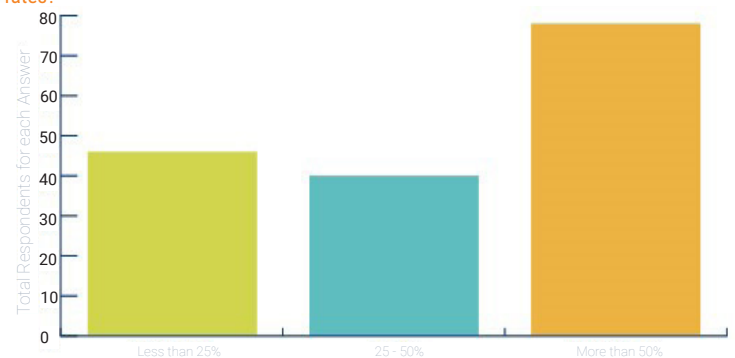
**Cuts in Medicare for laboratory services will have impact beyond laboratory testing and force Michigan providers to make changes to their practice that may not be what's best for the community.**

**Cuts in Medicare for laboratory services have a cascading effect as many managed provider managed care contracts are tied to a percentage of Medicare.**



## Physicians Report a Majority of Their Private Payer Contract Reimbursement Rates are Tied to a Percentage of Medicare Rates

Regarding your provider contract with private payers, what percentage of your contracts tie reimbursement rates for laboratory services to a percentage of Medicare rates?



Patients can receive optimal healthcare and better outcomes when physicians combine their knowledge with real-time laboratory information during diagnosis and treatment.