

**PAP Tanner**

Section 655.6 of the California Business and Professional code prohibits the billing of pap smear slide examinations by any entity other than the clinical laboratory performing the service.

The clinical laboratory performing the pap smear slide examination is required to directly bill either the patient or the responsible third party payor.

Clinical labs are not permitted to bill the physician who requests the test except under the following exemptions:

- Any person who contracts directly with a health care service plan licensed pursuant to Section 1349 of the Health and Safety Code, if services are to be provided to members of the plan on a prepaid basis.
- Any person who provides cytologic examinations of gynecologic slides services without charge to the patient, or on a sliding scale payment basis where the patient’s charge for services is determined by the patient’s ability to pay.
- Health care programs operated by public entities such as colleges and universities.
- Health care programs operated by private educational institutions to serve the health care needs of their students.
- Any person who contracts with an employer to provide medical services to employees of the employer if the cytologic services relating to the examination of gynecologic slides are provided under the contract.

If you qualify under any of the exemptions noted above, please check the appropriate box and sign below.

I certify that I am exempt from the direct billing requirement for Pap Smear slide examinations on the basis of the exemption indicated above.

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Signature Date

Client Name \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory Representative \_\_\_\_\_