Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule

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Lab Coding & Pricing Workflow

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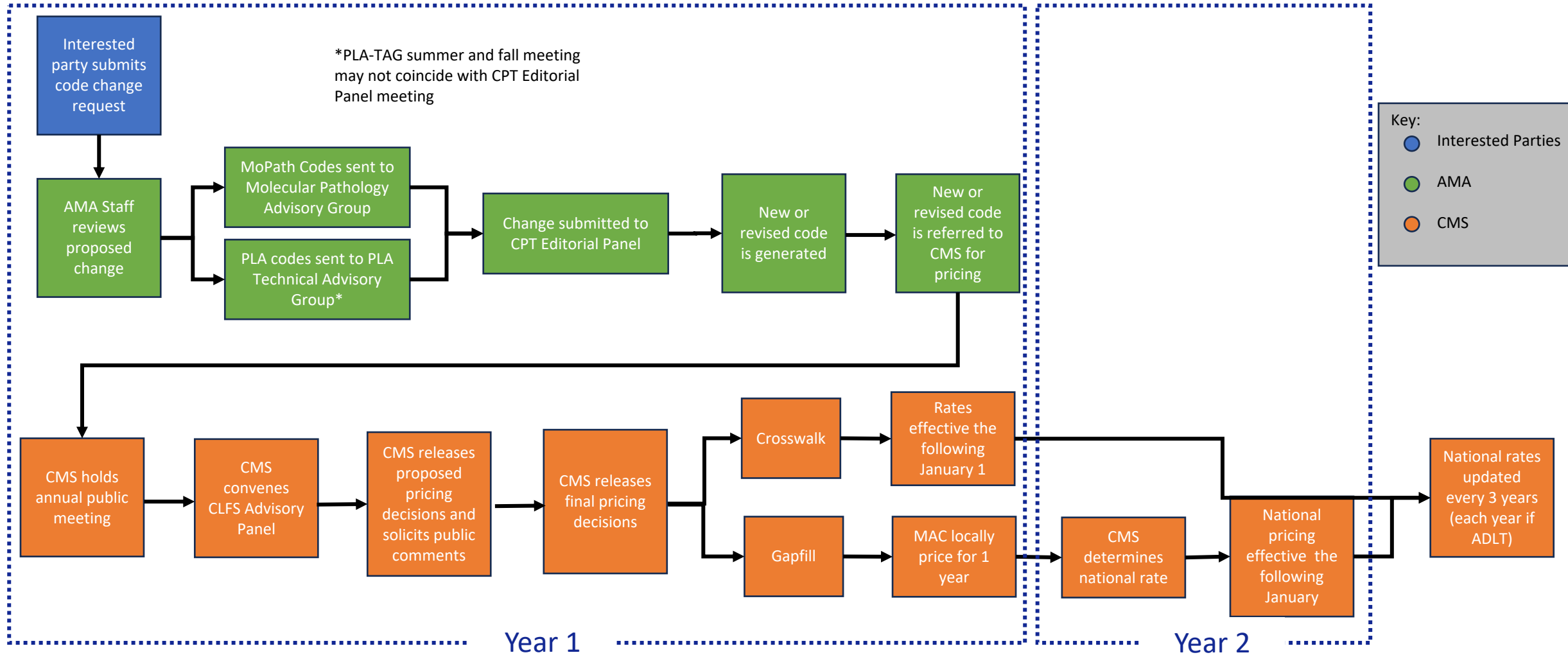
Annual PLA Coding Timeline

	Year 1												Year 2							Year 3
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Jan
Winter	✦	★		▲			✓ $						!							
Spring				✦	★		▲			✓			✳							$	!
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Fall		$								✦	★		▲		✓				$	!
Winter													✦	★		▲			✓ $	!

Legend

✦	Code change application due to AMA	✓	Codes are effective	!	Annual price updates effective
★	AMA CPT Meeting	✳	Codes are published in the annual CPT manual		
▲	Codes are released	$	CMS pricing meeting for following calendar year		

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Annual CPT Coding Timeline

Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
FDA Approval			✦			★		▲			◉						✓ ✳
			FDA Approval			✦			★		◉			✓			✓ ✳
					FDA Approval				✦				★	▲			✓ ✳ ◉

NOTES:

- There are three CPT coding cycles per year

- Certain categories of codes (PLA, Category III, Administrative MAAA and Tier 2 MoPath) are eligible for early release

Legend	
✦	Deadline to submit code change application to AMA
★	AMA CPT Meeting
▲	Codes are released
✓	Codes are effective
◉	Codes published on AMA website
✳	Codes are published in the annual CPT manual

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