

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Primary Care Providers

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Subject: Updates to Primary Care Providers (PCP) Quality Enhancement Program (QEP)

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas is making changes to the PCP QEP program for the 2018 evaluation cycle. Changes include realignment of quality measures to meet Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) expectations and addition of an incentive for remote access to provider electronic health records.

The Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) is a reimbursement program developed for primary care providers (PCPs) that provides incentives for high-quality and cost-effective care above the PCP base compensation. PCP practice participation is based upon panel size and results in the following areas: quality performance, severity of illness, cost-efficiency management, non-emergent ER utilization, patient-centered medical homes, remote access to provider electronic medical records (EHR), and an improvement incentive.

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has adopted a set of quality measures recommended for use among all Healthy Louisiana providers. To align with these recommendations, the PCP QEP quality measures will reflect those adopted by LDH. Please note these measures are subject to change. The new quality measures are Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) based except for Controlling Blood Pressure (BP).

New QEP measures include:

- Adolescent Well Care Visit
- ADHD initiation
- Well Child visits 3-6 years
- Well Child visits first 15 months
- Childhood immunization (combo 10)
- Immunizations for adolescents
- Weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and physical activity (child)
- Comprehensive Diabetes: HbA1c
- Comprehensive Diabetes: Eye
- Controlling BP (Not a HEDIS® measure)
- Chlamydia screening in women
- Adult BMI
- Adults Access to Preventive/ Ambulatory Health Services

In addition to the above measures, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is adding an incentive for providers who participate in a health information exchange program, such as a remote medical records access agreement or an electronic data interchange, for AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana members. Practices participating in an AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana health information exchange program will receive an enhanced payment of 10 percent of the total per member per month (PMPM) earned.

For more QEP information, visit our website www.amerihealthcaritasla.com > Providers > Resources.

Questions:

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's Provider Services department at 1-888-922-0007 or your Provider Network Management Account Executive.