

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: January 3, 2019

Subject: Updated Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Codes (Including Information Regarding Prior Authorizations)

Summary: Important information regarding the 2019 Applied Behavioral Analysis Services

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has updated its procedure code file to comply with the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) Health Plan Advisory (HPA) 18-23. In addition, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is in the process of updating its system with the new ABA code additions and deletions. Providers should submit claims for the appropriate CPT code to preserve timely filing.

Effective with dates of service **January 1, 2019 and after**, claims submitted with terminated codes will deny "Z98." Your remit will display "Z98 - Not covered by Medicaid." **Providers will need to resubmit these claims with the correct 2019 procedure code.**

Prior Authorizations (PAs) in effect prior to January 1, 2019, DID NOT change. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana updated PAs in our system to ensure that when the new codes are billed, the current authorizations will pay. PAs starting **January 1, 2019**, will be provided to the provider in hours and units per the new codes.

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.

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