

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: January 26, 2018

Subject: 2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes

Summary: Important information regarding the 2018 HCPCS Codes.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has updated its procedure code file to comply with the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) Health Plan Advisory (HPA) 17-20 and HPA 18-1. In addition, prior to LDH publishing the updated fee schedule on lamedicaid.com, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is in the process of updating its system with the 2018 HCPCS additions, changes and deletions. The intent is to minimize denied claims due to a delay in the updated fee schedule being published. Providers should submit claims for the appropriate HCPCS code to preserve timely filing. **Please note codes will receive denial code R52 "No fee yet established by LDH" until the updated fee schedule has been published.** Claims denied due to the use of the new 2018 HCPCS codes not on file as of January 1, 2018, will be reprocessed once the fee schedule updates are complete.

- Deleted codes have been termed effective 1/1/2018 – Currently, your remit will display denial code Z98 "Not covered by Medicaid". In order for claims to be captured and reprocessed once the new codes are loaded, claims with deleted codes will need to be resubmitted with the 2018 procedure code for the service provided.
- Codes that have been deleted and replaced with new codes – these codes will be loaded with the 2017 rate of the deleted code until LDH provides the 2018 rates for the new codes. Currently, your remit will display denial code Z98 "Not covered by Medicaid" until the new rates have been loaded.
- New codes that have been identified on the 2018 fee schedule – new codes are being loaded into our system. Currently, your remit will display denial code Z98 "Not covered by Medicaid" until the new codes have been loaded.
- New codes that are not currently identified on the 2018 fee schedule by LDH – these codes will receive denial code Z98 "Not covered by Medicaid" until a more specific denial code of R52 "No fee yet established by LDH" has been loaded.

Once LDH has provided these rates, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will update the system and reprocess all denied claims affected by these updates.

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.