

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: January 26, 2018

Subject: Continuity of Care for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services Effective 2/1/2018

Summary: Effective February 1, 2018, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will be responsible for coverage of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services.

Effective February 1, 2018, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will be responsible for coverage of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services provided to our members. ABA services should be rendered according to the guidelines in the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) ABA manual and will be reimbursed pursuant to the LDH fee schedule.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will send ABA providers a list of authorizations transferred from Louisiana Fee-For-Service Medicaid to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana. The list of authorizations will include the member's name, member's Medicaid ID number, services authorized, authorization start and end date, and AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana authorization numbers. If you are currently providing services **(prior to 2/1/17 and have an active Fee for Service authorization)** to an AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana member who is not on the authorization list you receive, please contact our **Behavioral Health Utilization Management (BH UM) department at 1-855-285-7466** to ensure the member has an authorization in place by March 1, 2018.

In accordance with the 30-day transition period outlined in LDH Informational Bulletin 17-12, from February 1, 2018, through March 1, 2018, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will not deny ABA claims due to lack of prior authorization or the rendering provider's network participation status. For additional details, please refer to LDH's Information Bulletin 17-12, available at www.ldh.la.gov. Beginning March 2, 2018, prior authorization will be required for ABA claims payment.

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.