

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: December 20, 2018

Subject: 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes

Summary: Important information regarding the 2019 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) 18-22. 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 2019 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 Z98 "Not covered by Medicaid" until the updated fee schedule has been published.**

- Deleted codes will be termed effective 1/1/2019 – Your remit will display denial code Z98 "Not covered by Medicaid". Claims submitted with deleted codes should be resubmitted with the appropriate procedure code.
- New codes that are not currently identified on the 2019 fee schedule by LDH – these codes will receive denial code Z98 "Not covered by Medicaid" until LDH publishes a rate. Upon receipt of the updated LDH fee schedule, these claims will be automatically reprocessed. There is no action required by providers.
- Claims denied due to the use of the new 2019 HCPCS codes not on file as of January 1, 2019, will be reprocessed once the fee schedule updates are complete.

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.