

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: February 9, 2018

Subject: Reminder – March 1, 2018 Implementation of CALOCUS and LOCUS

Summary: This is a reminder of AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana’s January 22, 2018 Provider Alert announcing the requirement to submit a Child Adolescent Level of Care Utilization System (CALOCUS) / Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) assessment with all MHR service authorization requests. This statewide requirement applies to all Healthy Louisiana plans effective March 1, 2018. The Louisiana Department of Health will issue an Informational Bulletin with additional detail prior to March 1, 2018.

Effective March 1, 2018, all providers of MHR services will be required to implement the use of the CALOCUS and the LOCUS for members receiving Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST) and/or Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) between the ages of 6 through 20 years old. MHR provider staff must be trained and must conduct the assessments as detailed in this notice.

- Members 6-18 years old: Members receiving CPST and/or PSR must be assessed using the CALOCUS.
- Members 19-20 years old: Members receiving CPST and/or PSR must be assessed using the LOCUS.

A CALOCUS/LOCUS rating must be completed and submitted for all members prior to receiving CPST and/or PSR as part of the initial comprehensive assessment and every 180 days until discharge.

The CALOCUS/LOCUS must be conducted and rated by a physician or other licensed mental health practitioner (LMHP) who has successfully completed the required training. Physicians and LMHP assessing members using the CALOCUS/LOCUS must complete training prior to conducting an assessment.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana offers CALOCUS and LOCUS training to help you comply with these requirements. Please visit our website at www.amerihealthcaritasla.com > Providers > Training for a list of upcoming trainings and registration information.

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.