

**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Obstetric, Midwife, and Family Practice Practitioners

**Date:** June 15, 2020

**Subject:** Changes to the AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Perinatal Quality Enhancement Program effective July 1, 2020

**Summary:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has made changes to the Perinatal Quality Enhancement Program (PQEP) to realign quality measures to meet the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) expectations and add an incentive for remote access to the provider electronic health records. The PQEP is a value-based program developed for participating obstetric, midwife, and family practice practitioners to deliver quality, cost-effective, and timely care to our pregnant members.

**Program Specifications Changes:** Quality performance determines any incentive payment received through this program and is based on the completion of specific quality components. Components are fulfilled by rendering clinically appropriate services rendered to eligible members during the reporting period, and by submitting accurate and complete encounter and clinical data via claims.

Component Changes effective **July 1, 2020** include:

- 17P measure changed to a sub-measure of the Prenatal/Postpartum Care component.
- Caesarean Section measure changed to a sub-measure of the Prenatal/Postpartum Care component.
- Third Trimester Syphilis Screening added as a new component.
- Severity of Illness added as a new component is to compensate practices that are treating higher-risk attributed deliveries than their peers.
- Access to electronic health records (EHR) - Added to allow practices to receive additional compensation for meeting the access to EHR goal.

The full PQEP manual can be found on our website:

<http://www.amerihealthcaritasla.com/provider/resources/qep.aspx>.

We continue to assess challenges and opportunities related to the current public health crisis. As we formulate a path forward, we will be in touch to communicate specific information to you. Your dedicated Account Executive will be reaching out to those providers who are participating in the PQEP program to review and answer any questions you may have. Thank

you for your continued participation in our network and your commitment to our members. Together, we can improve perinatal outcomes in Louisiana.

**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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