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To: **AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers**

Date: **December 4, 2020**

Subject: **Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) Policy Update**

> **Summary: Effective for dates of service on or after Dec. 1, 2020**, NIPT will not require authorization.

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2019, Louisiana Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) began covering Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) for the detection of fetal chromosomal abnormalities in pregnant women. This test is offered as a service to pregnant women over the age of 35, and to pregnant women of any age who meet one or more of the following high-risk criteria:

- Abnormal first trimester screen, quad screen or integrated screen.
- Abnormal fetal ultrasound scan indicating increased risk of aneuploidy.
- Prior family history of aneuploidy in first degree relative for either parent.
- Previous history of pregnancy with aneuploidy.
- Known Robertsonian translocation in either parent involving chromosomes 13 or 21.

NIPT is not covered for women with multiple gestations.

Effective for dates of service on or after Dec. 1, 2020, the following codes will not require prior authorization:

- **81420** - Fetal chromosomal aneuploidy (trisomy 21, monosomy X) genomic sequence analysis panel, circulating cell-free fetal DNA in maternal blood, must include analysis of chromosomes 13, 18, and 21
- **81507** - Fetal aneuploidy (trisomy 21, 18, and 13) DNA sequence analysis of selected regions using maternal plasma, algorithm reported as a risk score for each trisomy

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