

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Informational Bulletin 21-18: Genetic Counseling Policy

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Effective **October 18, 2021**, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will provide coverage for genetic counseling.

Genetic Counseling

Counseling is required before and after all genetic testing. Counseling must be documented in the member's medical record and must contain:

- Obtaining a structured family genetic history;
- Genetic risk assessment; and
- Counseling of the beneficiary and family about diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment.

Services performed by licensed genetic counselors are reimbursed using the procedure code specific to genetic counseling. Reimbursement for this service is "incident to" the services of a supervising physician and is limited to no more than 90 minutes per day of service. When performed by providers other than licensed genetic counselors, an applicable evaluation and management code must be used.

This information will be detailed in the [Provider Handbook](#) after October 15, 2021.

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