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**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** March 27, 2023

**Subject:** [Informational Bulletin 23-3](#): Reimbursement for Portable Oxygen Contents

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### **Reimbursement for Portable Oxygen Contents**

Effective with dates of service on or after **October 1, 2022**, Louisiana Medicaid is clarifying the quantity coverage for authorizing gaseous portable oxygen contents. The below clarifications are necessary as beneficiaries may require multiple units of portable oxygen per month for medical appointments, treatment, and/or travel to and from school (for beneficiaries under 21 years of age).

- Units of portable oxygen must be authorized per month based on review of submitted medical justification.
- Beneficiaries may require multiple units of portable oxygen refills within the same month, if medically justified. Examples of justification for refills include, but are not limited to, multiple visits for radiation or chemotherapy as well as travel to and from school for beneficiaries under 21 years of age.
- Providers must be reimbursed the rate on file for the date of service for each authorized unit within a month.
- To comply with the CMS National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits, only 1 unit per Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for portable oxygen contents is allowed per claim line regardless of the date(s) of service. Multiple claim lines for the HCPCS code for portable oxygen contents may be billed for the same dates of service.

#### **What do you need to do?**

Once our system configurations have been completed, impacted claims will be reprocessed automatically on **May 21, 2023**. Providers do not need to take action.

For full details, please see [IB 23-3](#).

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