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Subject: Informational Bulletin 24-5: Pediatric Day Health Care (PDHC) Policy Reminder

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Pediatric Day Health Care (PDHC) Policy Reminder

The information below is being shared with you at the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) request.

This bulletin reiterates Medicaid policy regarding Pediatric Day Health Care (PDHC) services covered under the per diem rate. PDHC providers are to adhere to the policy below, which can be found on pages 96-98 in the ACLA Provider Handbook <u>here</u>.

Covered Services

The pediatric day health care facility Medicaid per diem rate includes the following services/equipment:

- 1. Nursing care;
- 2. Respiratory care;
- 3. Physical therapy;
- 4. Speech-language therapy;
- 5. Occupational therapy;
- 6. Social services;
- 7. Personal care services (activities of daily living); and
- 8. Transportation to and from the PDHC facility. Transportation shall be paid in a separate per diem.

PDHC providers are not allowed to send beneficiaries to outside sources to receive the above services.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana follows strict adherence to this requirement to prevent duplicate payment of services and to ensure compliance.

Please review <u>IB 24-5</u> for complete details.

Questions regarding this message should be directed to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your <u>Provider Network Management Account Executive</u>. The Provider The Services Department can be reached between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm daily.

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