

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: [Informational Bulletin 24-24](#): LDH Guidance on Brain Death Determination for Providers

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LDH Guidance on Brain Death Determination for Providers

This bulletin serves as notice to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana providers that effective **March 1, 2024**, Louisiana Medicaid has adopted the [2023 American Academy of Neurology \(AAN\) Criteria Consensus Practice Guidelines](#) as the accepted medical standard for the determination of Pediatric and Adult Brain Death/Death by Neurologic (BD/DNC) Criteria.

Providers should utilize the above link for specific guidance related to conducting the BD/DNC evaluation in the context of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, targeted temperature management, and primary infratentorial injury.

For full details, please see [Informational Bulletin 24-24](#).

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