Louisiana Department of Health Informational Bulletin



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: <u>Informational Bulletin 25-5</u>: Donor Human Milk Banks Provider Enrollment Exemption

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Donor Human Milk Banks Provider Enrollment Exemption

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana would like to inform you that Louisiana Medicaid is allowing a partial exemption for donor human milk banks enrolling in the Medicaid program. A bank must be accredited by, and in good standing with, the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA) to supply donor human milk to Louisiana Medicaid beneficiaries. The bank will be exempted from all other Durable Medical Equipment (DME) accreditation requirements.

Based on access to care issues for outpatient human donor milk resulting from only one in-state milk bank with HMBANA accreditation and limited milk supplies, Louisiana Medicaid determined this exemption would assist beneficiaries with accessing these services.

Banks will be enrolled as provider type 40 (DME) and assigned a specialty of 8W (Donor Milk Only).

In addition, out-of-state milk banks enrolled in this specialty will not be limited to claim type 15 (crossovers only). Claim type 09 (DME) will be included on the provider file to allow billing for all Medicaid beneficiaries. Only procedure code T2101 will be billable by these providers.

The DME provider manual and provider enrollment packets will reflect these changes.

What do you need to do?

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will update our claims processing system to reflect this change by March 23, 2025.

For full details, please see Informational Bulletin 25-5.

Questions regarding this message should be directed to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007. The Provider Services Department can be reached daily between 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.

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