

Louisiana Department of Health Informational Bulletin



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: [Informational Bulletin 25-31](#): ASAM Criteria 4th Edition Service Updates and Rate Revisions
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ASAM Criteria 4th Edition Service Updates and Rate Revisions

ASAM 4th Edition changes will be effective January 1, 2026 for beneficiaries who are 18 or older. Louisiana Medicaid has updated the [Specialized Behavioral Health Services \(SBHS\) fee schedule](#) to reflect the changes in rates and services.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will update our claims processing systems to properly adjudicate ASAM services at the new rates and within the new age brackets as applicable, **by February 3, 2026**.

What do you need to do?

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will recycle any claims that were not paid according to these changes for any claims with dates of service **on or after January 1, 2026, within 15 days of implementing the system changes.**

For full details, please see [Informational Bulletin 25-31 Revised 11.5.2025](#).

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