

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: August, 28, 2026

Subject: Behavioral Health Mid-Year Review

Summary:

As we reach the midpoint of 2026, AmeriHealth Caritas would like to share a Behavioral Health checklist designed to support providers in achieving quality outcomes.

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Take a moment to review this checklist to help close care gaps and improve the quality of care for your patients.

- ☐ Schedule follow-up appointments for members treated in Behavioral Health inpatient units, emergency departments, or residential treatment facilities within 7 days of discharge.
- ☐ Review and/or order updated metabolic labs, if applicable.
 - Remember to include cholesterol testing, especially for children and adolescents.
- ☐ Provide referrals to other providers and/or specialists as deemed clinically appropriate.
- ☐ Participate in coordination of care with other providers.
- ☐ Assess for social determinants of health (SDOH) needs.
- ☐ For members with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), consider prescribing medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), such as buprenorphine, along with medication education to improve adherence, discuss side effects, and reduce potential stigma surrounding these medications.
- ☐ Consider long-acting injection medications for members with severe and persistent mental illness and/or OUD.
- ☐ Providers or patients experiencing challenges managing their care are encouraged to reach out to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana for assistance.
 - Complete the [Let Us Know Form](#) to start the process.

Disclaimer: Physicians and other health care providers are solely responsible for the treatment decisions of their patients and should not use the information in this communication as a substitute for independent clinical judgment.

Questions: Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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