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AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana

To: **AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers**

Date: **November 18, 2026**

Subject: **Provisional Licensed Psychologist and Psychology Interns**

Summary: Behavioral Health Manual Update: Provisional Licensed Psychologists and Psychology Interns

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana would like to inform providers of recent updates issued by the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) to the Louisiana Medicaid Specialized Behavioral Health Services Provider (SBHS) Manual.

Effective with updates published on **September 8, 2026**, revisions were made to the following sections of the SBHS Manual:

- Section 2.3: Outpatient Services – Outpatient Therapy by Licensed Practitioners
- Appendix E-5: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) – Child Parent Psychotherapy
- Appendix E-6: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) – Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)
- Appendix E-7: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) – PPT and YPT
- Appendix E-8: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) – Triple P Positive Parenting Program
- Appendix E-9: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) – Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Appendix E-10: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) – Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR)
- Appendix E-11: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) – Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)

What Changed?

The updated manual adds the following provider types to the list of allowable rendering providers for applicable services:

- Provisional Licensed Psychologists (PLPs)
- Psychology Interns

These provider types may render covered services when all applicable supervision and program requirements are met. However, Provisional Licensed Psychologists and Psychology Interns may not bill AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana independently.

Fee Schedule Update

Associated fee schedule updates reflecting these changes were effective **October 1, 2026**.

Providers are encouraged to review the updated SBHS Manual sections and ensure compliance with all applicable billing and supervision requirements.

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

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