

# PROVIDER ALERT



**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Obstetric Providers, Midwives, and Family Practice Practitioners

**Date:** January 24, 2022

**Subject:** Changes to the AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Perinatal Quality Enhancement Program

**Summary:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is making changes to the Perinatal Quality Enhancement Program (PQEP).

PQEP is a value-based compensation program for participating obstetric, midwife, and family practice practitioners. Changes will include moving from a pay-for-performance program to an outcome-based program, with the addition of a total episode cost-of-care component. Providers who have a lower cost of care, combined with the outcome measures, will receive higher value-based payments.

Effective **April 1, 2022**, Episode-Based Cost will be added as a component of PQEP. This update to the model aligns with the Louisiana Department of Health Medicaid requirements to transition providers to a more advanced Alternative Payment Model.

An updated PQEP manual is currently being developed. Notification will be provided when it is available and posted to the provider website.

**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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