Louisiana Department of Health Informational Bulletin

To: **AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers**

Date: **January 31, 2022**

Subject: **Informational Bulletin: 20-5 COVID-19 Provider Update**

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COVID-19 vaccine doses are provided at no cost to providers by the federal government; therefore, the vaccine codes shall be reimbursed at $0. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will only reimburse claims for vaccine administrations when performed and coded appropriately, defined as:

1. Members meeting the age requirements on the date of service
2. The vaccine administration code matches the vaccine code on medical claim submissions

The guidelines were revised to *remove* the following definitions of appropriate coding:

1. At or after the recommended dosing interval
2. The vaccine administration code accurately reflects whether the dose administered was an initial or a final dose, based on dose history (when billed as a medical claim or the appropriate Submission Clarification Code is submitted on the pharmacy claim)
3. When a series is initiated, that it is completed by dose(s) from the same manufacturer

Providers do not need to take any action. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will recycle all denied claims that are impacted by these changes no later than **February 24, 2022**.

Please review IB: 20-5 for full details.

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