PROVIDER ALERT

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: July 20, 2018

Subject: Revised Prior Authorization Requirements for Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy Services – Effective 8/20/2018

**Summary:** Effective August 20, 2018, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will require an authorization for all outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy services after the initial evaluation or re-evaluation.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will begin requiring an authorization for all outpatient therapy services after the initial evaluation or re-evaluation, beginning with dates of services on or after August 20, 2018. This requirement will apply to both private and facility based providers and is intended to standardize prior authorization requirements across all outpatient therapies and visits.

If physical, occupational, or speech therapy services are billed without an authorization on or after August 20, 2018, the claim will deny.

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<td>92507</td>
<td>Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder; individual</td>
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<td>92508</td>
<td>group, 2 or more individuals</td>
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<td>97010</td>
<td>Application of a modality to 1 or more areas; hot or cold packs</td>
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<td>97012</td>
<td>traction, mechanical</td>
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<td>97014</td>
<td>electrical stimulation (unattended)</td>
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<td>97016</td>
<td>vasopneumatic devices</td>
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<td>97018</td>
<td>paraffin bath</td>
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<td>97022</td>
<td>whirlpool</td>
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<td>97024</td>
<td>diathermy (e.g., microwave)</td>
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<td>infrared</td>
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<td>ultraviolet</td>
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<td>97032</td>
<td>Application of a modality to 1 or more areas; electrical stimulation (manual), each 15 minutes</td>
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<td>iontophoresis, each 15 minutes</td>
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<td>ultrasound, each 15 minutes</td>
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<td>97036</td>
<td>Hubbard tank, each 15 minutes</td>
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<td>97110</td>
<td>Therapeutic procedure, 1 or more areas, each 15 minutes; therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility</td>
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<td>97112</td>
<td>Neuromuscular reeducation of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and/or proprioception for sitting and/or standing activities</td>
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<td>aquatic therapy with therapeutic exercises</td>
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<td>97116</td>
<td>gait training (includes stair climbing)</td>
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<td>97124</td>
<td>massage, including effleurage, petrissage and/or tapotement (stroking, compression, percussion)</td>
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<td>97140</td>
<td>Manual therapy techniques (e.g., mobilization/manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction) 1 or more regions, each 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>Therapeutic procedure(s), group (2 or more individuals)</td>
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<td>Therapeutic activities, direct (one-on-one) patient contact (use of dynamic activities to improve functional performance), each 15 minutes</td>
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<td>Sensory integrative techniques to enhance sensory processing and promote adaptive responses to environmental demands, direct (one-on-one) patient contact, each 15 minutes</td>
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<td>Self-care/home management training (e.g., activities of daily living (ADL) and compensatory training, meal preparation, safety procedures, and instructions in use of assistive technology devices/adaptive equipment) direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes</td>
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<td>Community/work reintegration training (e.g., shopping, transportation, money management, avocational activities and/or work environment/modification analysis, work task analysis, use of assistive technology device/adaptive equipment), direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes</td>
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For a detailed description of codes listed in this notice, please refer to the current CPT Professional Codebook.

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’s Provider Services department at 1-888-922-0007 or your Provider Network Management Account Executive.