

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana EPSDT PCS Providers

Date: November 27, 2019

Subject: Reimbursement for LPCs and LMFTs in Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics

Health Plan Advisory 19-17, published November 1, 2019 on the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) website, provides information on the new reimbursement policy for licensed professional counselors (LPC) and licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT). HPA 19-17 states that reimbursement for LPCs and LMFTs will be considered as "other" ambulatory services in federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and rural health clinics (RHC). Reimbursement for these services will be the Louisiana Medicaid established alternative payment methodology (APM) rate for behavioral health services provided in FQHCs and RHCs. **This change will be effective retroactively to April 1, 2019.** To review the advisory, please visit <http://ldh.la.gov>. We have also attached the advisory to this notice for your convenience.

What do you need to do?

Providers do not need to take action. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is expected to have its system updated with this new reimbursement policy on **December 9, 2019**. Affected claims **for dates of service April 1, 2019, and after**, will be automatically reprocessed

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](#).

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