

**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers  
**Date:** January 22, 2021  
**Subject:** 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes

**Summary:** Important information regarding HCPCS and CPT code updates for 2021.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has updated its procedure code file to comply with the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) [Health Plan Advisory \(HPA\) 20-24: MCO Preparation – 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Update](#). In addition, to minimize denied claims, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is in the process of updating its system with the 2021 HCPCS/CPT additions, changes, and deletions as they are published. **Please note – non-pharmacy codes will receive denial code Z98 “Not covered by Medicaid” until the updated fee schedule has been published.**

- Deleted codes termed effective January 1, 2021 – Your remit will display denial code Z98 “Not covered by Medicaid.” Claims submitted with deleted codes should be resubmitted with the appropriate procedure code.
- New codes that are not currently identified on the 2021 fee schedule by LDH – Any non-pharmacy related codes will receive denial code Z98 “Not covered by Medicaid” until LDH publishes a rate. Upon receipt of the updated LDH fee schedule, these claims will be automatically reprocessed. There is no action required by providers.
- Claims with denial code Z98 “Not covered by Medicaid” due to the use of the new 2021 HCPCS/CPT codes not on file as of January 1, 2021, will be reprocessed once the fee schedule updates are complete. There is no action required by providers.

### What do you need to do?

Providers should submit claims for the appropriate HCPCS/CPT code to preserve timely filing. Once LDH has provided these rates, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will update the system and reprocess all denied claims affected by these updates.

### Questions?

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