

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Behavioral Health LDH State Performance Measures and Provider Resources

The information below provides Behavioral Health LDH State Performance Measures and Provider Resources.

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The HEDIS measures below focus on Follow-Up Appointments after Hospitalization or Emergency Department utilization for Mental Illness and Alcohol and Other Drug Use. Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has classified the measures as priority incentive measures and will be collecting and analyzing Plan data. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's Case Management team is dedicated to member outreach and care coordination to eligible members who may need assistance in treatment planning.

The 3 measures report percentages of 7 and 30 day follow-up appointments after an ED or inpatient discharge. **Telehealth Visits are HEDIS approved for all 3 measures.**

Also, LDH has recommended resources to assist in managing your patients with the screening, intervention, and treatment process.

1. Follow-Up After ED Visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence (FUA)
 - Members 13 years of age and older
 - Principal diagnosis of Alcohol or Other Drug Abuse (AOD)
2. Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness (FUM)
 - Members 6 years of age and older
 - Principal diagnosis of mental illness or intentional self-harm
3. Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH)
 - Visit must be performed by a mental health professional
 - Members 6 years of age and older
 - Treatment of selected mental illness or intentional self-harm

Provider Resources

1. **ATLAS** (State Treatment Facility Locator) –

➤ <https://www.treatmentatlas.org/>

2. MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) for Opioid Use Disorder

- a. LDH – Medication Assisted Treatment Clinics and Providers by region
<https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/directory/category/35>
- b. SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Admin) – Buprenorphine Practitioner Locator
<https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/practitioner-program-data/treatment-practitioner-locator>

3. ASAM Trainings and Resources

- a. National Practice Guideline For the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder, 2020 Focused Update (hard copy + web-based learning) – LDH recommendation
https://www.asam.org/docs/default-source/quality-science/2020-asam-npg-release-final-covid.pdf?Status=Temp&sfvrsn=740952c2_4<https://www.asam.org/Quality-Science/quality/2020-national-practice-guideline>
- b. Motivational Interviewing – LDH Recommendation
<https://www.asam.org/education/live-online-cme/fundamentals-program/additional-resources/motivational-interviewing>
- c. Resources to SBIRT – LDH Recommendation
<https://www.samhsa.gov/sbirt/resources>
- d. ACLA BH Provider Toolkit
<https://www.amerihealthcaritasla.com/provider/resources/index.aspx>

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