To:   AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date:   April 16, 2021

Subject:   Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Screening and Pharmaceutical Treatment Initiative Refresher

Summary:  Refresher information provided regarding HCV Screening and Pharmaceutical Treatment

As of April 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends universal Hepatitis C screening at least once in a lifetime for all adults aged 18 and older, as well as screening all pregnant women during each pregnancy.

Hepatitis C testing, regardless of age, for people with recognized conditions or exposures is recommended. For a complete list of these recognized conditions or exposures, please refer to the CDC’s ABCs for Health Professionals.

Routine periodic testing is also recommended for people with ongoing risk factors and any person who requests Hepatitis C testing.

Click to view the CDC’s recommended testing sequence for identifying current hepatitis C virus infection and also the recommended interpretation of test results and further actions.

What do you need to know?  The approved pharmaceutical treatment is Epclusa.

Healthy Louisiana enrollees have access to safe and effective treatment for Hepatitis C. The authorized generic (AG) to which they have access is Epclusa®, which has proven effective in curing 95% of persons living with HCV (LDH, 2019a).  Epclusa is the preferred direct-acting antiviral (DAA) and does not require prior authorization unlike other available treatment regimens.

For more information regarding Epclusa, please view the Epclusa prescribing information here.


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