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**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** June 30, 2022

**Subject:** Informational Bulletin 22-18: Comprehensive Dental Care for Adults with Developmental or Intellectual Disabilities Enrolled in Home and Community Based Waivers

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The Louisiana Department of Health has published [Informational Bulletin 22-18](#) regarding Act 450 of the 2021 Regular Session that was signed into law on June 23, 2021. The Act provides for the coverage of comprehensive dental care for adults 21 years of age and older with developmental or intellectual disabilities who are enrolled in the New Opportunities Waiver, Residential Options Waiver, or the Supports Waiver.

**Coverage will begin on July 1, 2022.**

The following services will be provided through the contracted Dental Benefit Plan Managers:

- Diagnostic services
- Preventive services
- Restorative services
- Endodontics
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Oral and maxillofacial surgery
- Orthodontics
- Emergency Care

In order to provide additional support to these individuals, LDH has added the following allowable CDT code to its fee schedule.

**D9997 dental case management – patients with special health care needs**

Special treatment considerations for patients/individuals with physical, medical, developmental, or cognitive conditions resulting in substantial functional limitations or incapacitation, which require that modifications be made to delivery of treatment to provide customized or comprehensive oral health care services.

DBPM Provider Manuals and the Medicaid DBPM Manual are being updated to include benefit information. Questions regarding claims should be directed to the appropriate DBPM:

- DentaQuest Provider Relations: 1-800-508-6785
- MCNA Dental Provider Relations: 1-855-701-6262

Questions regarding this Informational Bulletin should be sent to Kevin Guillory at [kevin.guillory@la.gov](mailto:kevin.guillory@la.gov).

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