
To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Informational Bulletin 20-5: COVID-19 Provider Update (Revised July 28, 2022)

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COVID-19 Vaccination

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana covers all COVID-19 vaccinations for which the FDA has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). Vaccine coverage is provided without the requirement of prior authorization for both the medical and pharmacy benefit and with no cost sharing for members.

****Update****

Temporary Suspension of Policy for Transfers to Lower Levels of Care

In an effort to address the impending staffing crisis presented by the exit of SNAP staffing, LDH is implementing a temporary suspension to facilitate timely discharges of patients to the lower level of care. **Effective July 20, 2022 through August 5, 2022**, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will not impose prior authorization, utilization, medical necessity, or any related review on the transfer of patients to lower levels of care (e.g., skilled nursing facility, inpatient rehabilitation and long term acute care) for members being discharged from the hospital.

Other clinical guidance and training tools for providers can be accessed from the Office of Public Health advisories on COVID-19 vaccination here: <https://ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine-for-providers>.

Questions regarding this message should be directed to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007. The Provider Services Department can be reached between 7:00 am – 7:00 pm daily.

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