

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Informational Bulletin 20-5: COVID-19 – Provider Update

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Testing and Treatment Coverage

Reimbursement is available for COVID-19 treatments administered in the member's home according to the [LDH COVID-19 Fee Schedules](#). AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will recycle all impacted claims automatically when the Fee Schedule is updated with new information.

Home Health Services at Hospital Discharge

Effective August 19, 2021, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will automatically approve the initial authorizations for home health services at hospital discharge. Instead of prior authorizations, hospitals or home health agencies must send AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana notification of services that members will receive after discharge, and AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will subsequently approve the initial authorizations for services.

Please review [IB 20-5: COVID-19 – Provider Update](#) (revised August 17, 2021) for full details.

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