

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: August 29, 2023

Subject: National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

Summary: During NIAM, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana (ACLA) encourages you to ensure your patients are up to date on recommended vaccines.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the efforts of ACLA Healthcare professionals to protect patients of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases through on-time vaccinations.

We encourage our healthcare professionals to use NIAM as an opportunity to access educational resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that can be found [here](#).

Providers can also take “Immunization Courses/Webcasts and Self Study” through the CDC to receive CE Credits. Use the links below to access this information and other resources to educate parents during office visits.

- Immunization education and training: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/courses.html>
- *You Call the Shots* web-based training course: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html>
- Immunization educational information/materials: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/patient-ed.html>

As a reminder, PCPs are expected to complete required immunizations for children ages birth through 20 during well-child visits. To comply with this policy, PCPs should enroll in the Louisiana Vaccines for Children (VFC) program to receive vaccines without charge for Medicaid children ages birth through 18. To enroll, contact the Immunization Program Office at 504-568-2600.

***Please Note:** Louisiana Medicaid also considers beneficiaries ages 19 and 20 part of the EPSDT population and therefore age-appropriate immunizations are required, although outside of VFC.

Immunizations are also required for reporting Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) to the National Committee of Quality Assurance (NCQA). The focused measures for HEDIS MY2023 include Childhood Immunizations (CIS) and Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA).

Measurement Year 2023	
Billing and Documentation	Measure Requirements
<p>Enter immunizations into the LINKS system</p> <p>Ensure ALL member info/demographics are correct in the LINKS system</p> <p>Use applicable vaccination code or diagnosis indicating history of disease.</p> <p>LOINC and SNOMED codes can be captured through electronic data submissions. Contact your Account Executive for more information.</p>	<p>Childhood Immunization Status (CIS)</p> <p>Children 2 years of age who had the following administered on or before their second birthday:</p> <p>Four diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP); three polio (IPV); one measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); three haemophilus influenza type B (HiB); three hepatitis B (HepB), one chicken pox (VZV); four pneumococcal conjugate (PCV); one hepatitis A (HepA); two or three rotavirus (RV); and two influenza (flu)</p>
	<p>Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)</p> <p>Children 13 years of age who had the following administered on or before their 13th birthday:</p> <p>One dose of meningococcal vaccine; one tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine; and have completed the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series</p>

Questions: Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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