

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Immunizations Required During EPSDT/Well Child Visits

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Primary Care Providers (PCPs) are expected to complete immunizations during well-child visits.

As a reminder, PCPs are expected to complete required immunizations for children ages birth through 20 during well-child visits.

Per [Medicaid Professional Services provider manual](#) EPSDT policy includes:

Minimum list of required components of an EPSDT visit:

- A comprehensive health and developmental history (including assessment of both physical and mental health and development);
- A comprehensive unclothed physical exam or assessment;
- Appropriate immunizations according to age and health history (unless medically contraindicated or parents/guardians refuse at the time);*
- Laboratory tests (including appropriate neonatal, iron deficiency anemia, and blood lead screening); and
- Health education (including anticipatory guidance).

NOTE: All components, including specimen collection, must be provided on-site during the same medical screening visit.

In order to comply with this policy, PCPs are required to 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 504-838-5300.

***Please Note:** Louisiana Medicaid also considers beneficiaries ages 19 and 20 part of the EPSDT population and therefore age-appropriate immunizations are required, although VFC does not supply vaccines for this age group without charge.

Questions:

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