

PROVIDERALERT



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: September 21, 2022

Subject: Provider Incentive for Behavioral Health Follow-Up Care

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is offering a provider incentive when qualifying follow-up visits are completed within 30 days of a specified ED admission or inpatient discharge.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is implementing an incentive payment to providers based upon meeting the following criteria:

- 1) Members 6 years of age and older who had a follow-up visit with a ***mental health provider** within 30 days of discharge after hospitalization for treatment of selected mental illness or intentional self-harm diagnoses. Visits that occur on the day of discharge visits do not qualify.
- 2) Members 6 years of age and older who had a follow-up visit with a **physical health or *mental health provider** within 30 days of an emergency department (ED) visit with a principal diagnosis of mental illness or intentional self-harm. Include visits that occur on the date of the ED visit.
- 3) Members 13 years of age and older who had a follow-up visit with a **physical health or *mental health provider** within 30 days of an emergency department (ED) visit with a principal diagnosis of substance use disorder (SUD), or any diagnosis of drug overdose. Include visits that occur on the date of the ED visit.

Incentive payments for qualifying follow-up visits will be retroactive to 1/1/2022 and will include follow-up visits through 12/31/2022. Incentive payments will be based on receipt of a claim for a qualifying follow-up visit, and paid quarterly through a CAP payment.

| Payment Criteria | Incentive Amount |
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| Follow-up visit after hospitalization for mental illness or intentional self-harm | \$100 |
| Follow-up visit after ED visit for alcohol and other drug abuse | \$50 |
| Follow-up visit after ED visit for mental illness or intentional self-harm | \$50 |

*Qualifying Mental Health Provider

- An MD or doctor of osteopathy (DO) who is licensed as a psychiatrist or child psychiatrist
- Licensed psychologist
- Licensed clinical social worker
- Licensed advanced practice psychiatric nurse or mental health clinical nurse specialist
- Licensed marital and family therapist
- Licensed professional counselor
- A physician assistant licensed to practice psychiatry

Remember to utilize the Behavioral Health ADT Report available in NaviNet to retrieve up-to-date information regarding the admissions, discharges, and transfers of attributed behavioral health membership, and schedule members for behavioral health follow-up visits. You can find additional information on how to access the behavioral health ADT reports [here](#).

Please refer to the HEDIS Documentation and Coding Guidelines MY2022 on NaviNet for measure description and coding requirements.

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's Provider Services department at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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