

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: September 21, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Vaccination Counseling

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana providers may file for reimbursement for COVID-19 Vaccination Counseling and an Evaluation and Management visit for the same date of service.

Effective **September 20, 2021** and for the COVID-19 emergency time-frame only, when members receive preventive counseling regarding the COVID-19 illness and vaccination during an Evaluation and Management (E&M) visit, providers may file for reimbursement for both the counseling and the E&M service for the same date of service.

Provider COVID-19 Vaccination Counseling should follow recommendations as published by LDH, COVID-19 Information for Healthcare Providers: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/4082>, and/or the CDC, Vaccine Recipient Education: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/index.html>.

Providers may bill the following CPT code for reimbursement of COVID-19 Vaccination Counseling:

- 99401 – Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 15 minutes

Eligible members for COVID-19 Vaccination Counseling are members who are of FDA approved vaccination ages and are unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated. Counseling may be reimbursed when provided in-person by the following provider types: Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Certified Nurse Midwife, Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner.

When billing both a COVID-19 Vaccination Counseling service and E&M code, modifier -25 must be added to the E&M code. Billing limitations are one COVID-19 Vaccination Counseling service per day, per member, per billing provider. Chart documentation of COVID-19 Vaccination Counseling is required for claim substantiation.

This information will be updated in our [Provider Handbook](#) by **September 24, 2021**.

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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Where can I find more information on COVID-19?

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has updated its website to streamline communications and important notifications about COVID-19. Please visit <http://amerihealthcaritasla.com/covid-19> for up-to-date information for both providers and members, including frequently asked questions, and important provider alerts from AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Health.