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**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** December 14, 2023

**Subject:** [Informational Bulletin 23-21](#): Tobacco Cessation Counseling - Expanded

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### **Tobacco Cessation Counseling - Expanded**

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana would like to make you aware that Louisiana Medicaid has updated its policy to include tobacco cessation counseling for all Louisiana Medicaid beneficiaries, removing the previous limitation to pregnant individuals.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana shall cover tobacco cessation counseling services for enrollees who use tobacco products or who are being treated for tobacco use when provided by, or under the supervision of, the enrollee's primary care provider or other appropriate healthcare professionals.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana shall cover up to four tobacco cessation counseling sessions per quit attempt, up to two quit attempts per calendar year, for a maximum of eight counseling sessions per calendar year. These limits may be exceeded if deemed medically necessary.

Complete details will be included in the [AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Handbook](#) no later than **January 12, 2024**.

For full details, please review [Informational Bulletin 23-21](#).

Questions regarding this message should be directed to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007. The Provider Services Department can be reached between 7:00 am – 7:00 pm daily.

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