

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana RHC and FQHC Providers

Date: April 19, 2019

Subject: New Alternate Payment Methodology for Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Providers

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will be implementing the new alternate payment methodology established by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).

Effective with dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, LDH established an alternative payment methodology (APM) for behavioral health services provided in FQHCs and RHCs. Read the [March 20, 2019, publication of the Louisiana Register](#) for more on this rule.

The APM applies to services provided by one of the following practitioners:

1. Physicians with a psychiatric specialty;
2. Nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialists with a psychiatric specialty;
3. Licensed clinical social workers; or
4. Clinical psychologists.

The APM allows reimbursement for behavioral health services equal to the all-inclusive prospective payment system rate on file for the date of services. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive prospective payment system (PPS) rate on the same date for medical and dental services.

FQHC and RHC providers will use HCPCS Code H2020 for reimbursement of the behavioral health APM rate. FQHC and RHC providers may bill the T1015, D0999, and H2020 on the same day of service and be reimbursed for all three HCPCS codes at the clinics' PPS rate on file for the date of service. Providers must submit the HCPCS Code **H2020** on the **first line** of the claim and include detailed lines for all services rendered along with the usual or customary charges or zero.

What do you need to do?

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's system is **expected to be updated with this new rule by May 19, 2019**. **Claims submitted with dates of service on or after April 1, 2019**, will be automatically reprocessed.

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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