# PROVIDER*ALERT*

**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers**

**Date: November 13, 2019**

**Subject:  Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Testing**

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**Summary:**  Effective for dates of service on or after Nov. 1, 2019, Louisiana Medicaid will cover testing for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID).

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Effective for dates of service on or after Nov. 1, 2019, Louisiana Medicaid will cover testing for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID). This will be part of the required newborn screening and will as such follow the newborn screening restrictions as indicated in policy. This test will be reimbursable under the CPT code 81479. This code is only to be used for this purpose and until such a time as a permanent procedure code is in place.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has updated its system accordingly to accommodate these changes. Providers do not need to take action. Claims impacted will be reprocessed.

For more information, see LDH Health Plan Advisory 19-14.

**Questions:**
If you have questions, or would like further information about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's Provider Services department at 1-888-922-0007 or your Provider Network Management Account Executive. You can find a list of Account Executives in the Providers section of our website. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members.

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