

Louisiana Department of Health Informational Bulletin



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Informational Bulletin 22-15: Urine Drug Testing Policy Update

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The following parameters have been added to the Urine Drug Testing Policy:

- Definitive drug testing is limited to 12 total tests per member per calendar year. Definitive drug testing is limited to individuals with an unexpected positive or unexpected negative finding on presumptive drug testing, or if there is a clinical reason to detect a specific substance or metabolite that would be inadequately detected through presumptive drug testing.
- Universal drug testing (screening) in a primary care setting is not covered. Drug testing without signs or symptoms of substance use or without current controlled substance treatment is not covered.

This information will be updated in the [Provider Handbook](#) no later than **June 15, 2022**.

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