

# Louisiana Department of Health Informational Bulletin



**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers**

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**Subject: Informational Bulletin 22-17: Allergy Testing and Allergen Immunotherapy Policy Update**

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AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana covers allergy testing and allergen immunotherapy relating to hypersensitivity disorders manifested by generalized systemic reactions as well as by localized reactions in any organ system of the body. Covered allergy services shall include:

- In vitro specific IgE tests;
- Intracutaneous (intradermal) skin tests;
- Percutaneous skin tests;
- Ingestion challenge testing; and
- Allergen immunotherapy.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana covers allergen immunotherapy, and doses exceeding the above quantities when medically necessary, for members who have symptoms of allergic disease, such as respiratory symptoms, skin symptoms, or other symptoms that consistently follow a particular exposure, not including local reactions after an insect sting or bite.

Coverage for allergen immunotherapy is described as:

- A minimum of 180 doses every calendar year, per enrollee, for supervision of preparation and provision of antigens other than stinging or biting insects; and
- A minimum of 52 doses every calendar year, per enrollee, for supervision of preparation and provision of antigens related to stinging or biting insects.

The [AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Handbook](#) is updated to reflect these changes.

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