

**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** July 15, 2022

**Subject:** Clinical Practice Guidelines

**Summary:** Details regarding AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's clinical practice guidelines are available on our website.

Clinical practice guidelines are evidence-based recommendations provided to support the treatment of plan members, with the goal of reducing unnecessary variations in care. These guidelines represent current professional standards, supported by scientific evidence and research.

The clinical practice guidelines provide guidance in the diagnosis and treatment of numerous physical and behavioral health conditions.

<b>AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care - Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identification, Evaluation, and Management of Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder</li></ul>
<b>AMERICAN PSYCHIATRY ASSOCIATION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bipolar Disorder</li><li>Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Schizophrenia</li><li>Suicidal Behavior</li></ul>
<b>AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Opioid Addiction</li></ul>	
<b>GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE LUNG DISEASE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</li></ul>	
<b>JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD &amp; ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oppositional Defiant Disorder</li></ul>	
<b>MICHIGAN QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CONSORTIUM</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Asthma</li><li>Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder</li><li>Adolescent Health Risk Behavior Assessment</li><li>Advanced Care Planning</li><li>Back Pain</li><li>Bronchitis</li><li>Depression- Adults</li><li>Diabetes</li><li>Heart Failure- Adults</li><li>Hypertension- Adults</li><li>Kidney Disease- Adults</li><li>Lipids</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Office-Based Surgery Sedation</li><li>Opioid Prescribing</li><li>Osteoarthritis- Adults</li><li>Overweight and Obesity- Children and Adults</li><li>Pharyngitis- Children</li><li>Pregnancy Prenatal and Postnatal Care</li><li>Pregnancy Prevention- Adolescents and Adults</li><li>Preventive Care- Children, Adolescents, and Adults</li><li>Substance Use</li><li>Tobacco Control</li><li>Venous Thrombosis</li></ul>

<p><b>NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sickle Cell Disease</li> </ul>	
<p><b>NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Anxiety Disorder</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caring for Adult Patients with Suicide Risk</li> </ul>	
<p><b>U.S. PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A and B Recommendations</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS</li> </ul>	

The list of AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's [Clinical Practice Guidelines](#) is available on our website.

**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 Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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**Need to update your provider information?** Send full details to [network@amerihealthcaritasla.com](mailto:network@amerihealthcaritasla.com).

**Where can I find more information on COVID-19?**

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has updated its website to streamline communications and important notifications about COVID-19. Please visit <http://amerihealthcaritasla.com/covid-19> for up-to-date information for both providers and members, including frequently asked questions, and important provider alerts from AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Health.