

**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** August 31, 2020

**Subject:** Reminder: Annual Rate Letters Updates for FQHCs/RHCs

**Summary:** Effective July 1, 2020, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) updated Medicare Economic Index (MEI) rates for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs).

**Effective July 1, 2020,** all RHC rates (excluding clinics that receive a rate based on the alternative payment methodology) will increase by 1.9% and FQHC rates will increase by 2.2%. These new rates were loaded into the LDH system and are viewable on the RHC and FQHC fee schedules located on [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com) [[lamedicaid.com](http://lamedicaid.com)]. LDH no longer mails letters to notify FQHCs and RHCs of their new annual PPS rate. Providers must refer to the Medicaid fee schedule for their new rate.

#### **What do you need to do?**

Providers do not need to take action when MEI rate changes are made. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will update its system with the new rates once they are published to the fee schedule and reprocess claims accordingly.

For additional information regarding the annual rate notification process, please refer to [Health Plan Advisory 16-20](#).

#### **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](#).

#### **Missed an alert?**

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#### **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 update-to-date information for both providers and members, including frequently asked questions, cancellations and

postponements, and important provider alerts from AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Health.