



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Anesthesia Providers

Date: March 24, 2017

Subject: Reprocessing of Incorrectly Recouped OB Anesthesia Claims That Required Consent for Sterilization Forms for DOS between 6/1/15 to 8/12/16

Summary: To align with the current Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) fee schedule, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana recently reprocessed OB anesthesia claims for dates of service (DOS) between 6/1/15 to 8/12/16.

Due to a system configuration error, claims for OB anesthesia rendered for procedures that required a Consent for Sterilization form may have been incorrectly recouped during this recent reprocessing. **AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is working to correctly reprocess impacted claims by the end of March 2017 without any action from providers.**

Background:

On August 12, 2016, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana made a process change and eliminated prior authorization requirements for certain ambulatory surgical codes, including codes for sterilization procedures.

Prior to this change, AmeriHealth Caritas accepted electronic Consent for Sterilization forms in conjunction with electronic prior authorization requests. When the prior authorization requirement was eliminated on August 12, 2016, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana began requiring the submission of hard copy member Consent for Sterilization forms to accompany claims for sterilization procedures and related services.

To align with the current LDH fee schedule, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana recently reprocessed OB anesthesia claims for DOS between 6/1/15 to 8/12/16. During reprocessing, OB anesthesia claims rendered for procedures that require a Consent for Sterilization form may have been incorrectly recouped, if no hard copy Consent for Sterilization form was found on file. Instead of reducing the claim by 3.4% to align with the current LDH fee schedule, this system configuration error may have resulted in an incorrect recoupment of the entire claim.

What do you need to do?

Providers do not need to take any action. **AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will automatically reprocess the impacted claims by the end of March 2017.**

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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.