

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: May 15, 2019

Subject: Changes to Coverage for Urine Drug Testing

Summary: In accordance with Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) [Health Plan Advisory 19-10](#), effective July 1, 2019, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will adopt changes to the coverage of urine drug testing.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2019, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will adopt the following changes to the coverage of urine drug testing:

- Presumptive drug testing is limited to 24 total tests per enrollee per calendar year. Providers are to consider the methodology used when selecting the appropriate procedure code for the presumptive testing.
- Definitive drug testing is limited to 18 total tests per enrollee per calendar year. CPT codes 80320-80377 for individual substance(s) or metabolites will no longer be covered. Providers should instead use HCPCS codes G0480 [Drug tests, definitive... per day, 1-7 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed] or G0481 [Drug tests, definitive... per day, 8-14 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed] or their successors.
- Testing more than 14 definitive drug classes per day IS NOT reimbursable.

Please Note: No more than one presumptive and one definitive test will be reimbursed per day per enrollee, from the same or different provider.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is in the process of updating our systems to accommodate these changes. These updates will be completed **no later than July 1, 2019**.

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.

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