



AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana invites you to join a **TeleECHO™ Clinic**

An emerging case-based learning model for practitioners

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana hosts the Integrated Health ECHO clinics — an emerging case-based learning model for practitioners. This opportunity doesn't cost anything for participating AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana practitioners. Please read on for more information and register to join an ECHO model clinic.

What is Project ECHO®?

The “Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes,” or ECHO model, was developed at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center and is now used nationwide in the United States and internationally.

The ECHO model facilitates case-based learning for front-line practitioners via teleconferencing clinics. Similar to virtual chart rounds, the ECHO model creates a space where practitioners can share knowledge and build support to better manage patients with complex care needs.

For more information on Project ECHO, please visit <https://echo.unm.edu>.

What's the goal of this program?

The AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana ECHO program exists to:

1. Disseminate specialty knowledge, with consideration of social and environmental factors through case-based learning.
2. Collaborative education and sharing of information for integration of primary and behavioral health care.
3. Increase collaboration and coordination of services across providers (medical and behavioral health).
4. Identify barriers providers experience in referring members to treatment.
5. Incorporate opportunities for networking between physical health providers, behavioral health providers, and substance use treatment providers.



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Who participates in a TeleECHO clinic?

All levels of AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana practitioners are welcome to participate in Project ECHO at no cost; this includes physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, community health workers, counselors, pharmacists, and emergency medical technicians.

Our health plan staff have been trained to facilitate the ECHO model and will guide the experience. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Chief Medical Officer, Behavioral Health Medical Director, and Market Pharmacist will also participate, as pertinent to the cases being reviewed.

ECHO clinics are not intended to replace a practitioner's clinical judgment; the practitioner is responsible for determining applicable treatment for the patients under his or her care.

Do I need special equipment to attend?

It is best if you have a webcam-equipped laptop, tablet, or smartphone to attend the ECHO clinics. Clinics will take place via the cloud-based software application called Zoom. The application is PC- and Mac-compatible and is available at no cost to participants. However, you may need to download Zoom to your laptop, tablet, or smartphone in order to participate.

When and how often will TeleECHO clinics take place?

Clinics will be ongoing and additional clinics will be established to address specific topics as the need dictates. All ECHO clinics will occur regularly, at a 12:00 p.m. ET. Follow the link below to register:

Focus	Date
Anxiety Disorders, Diagnosis and Treatment	January 17, 2024
Collaborating with Individuals Regarding Continuum of Care and Integration Core Competencies	January 31, 2024
Ethics	February 14, 2024
Building Compassion Resilience in Integrated Care	February 28, 2024
Addiction as a Chronic Disease	March 13, 2024
Depression Diagnosis, Treatment, and Suicide Prevention in Primary Care	March 27, 2024
Cultural Competence and SDOH	April 10, 2024
Adult ADHD	April 24, 2024
Borderline Personality Disorder in Children and Adolescents, Diagnosis and Treatment	May 8, 2024
Gabapentin use in Individuals with SUD	May 22, 2024

Registration

Request a link by emailing projectecho@amerihealthcaritas.com

Please use iECHO link that will emailed to you via iECHO platform.

How do I register to participate?

Providers may participate in one or more of the sessions. Register for one or multiple sessions at the link provided. Once you have registered, you can download a reminder to your calendar.

Once you submit your registration form, health plan staff will review your information and email you to confirm your participation in the TeleECHO clinic. Your confirmation email will include additional instructions for participation.

Questions?

Please contact the TeleECHO Program Coordinator at 1-855-410-6639 or projectecho@amerihealthcaritas.com.

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