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**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** September 25, 2024

**Subject:** Informational Bulletin 24-32: Substance Use Disorder Provider Reimbursement Update

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Based on Act 4 (House Bill 1) of the 2024 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, Medicaid is **temporarily increasing** the reimbursement rates for substance use disorder (SUD) providers for **dates of service between October 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025**, in an amount not to exceed \$31.2 million in State Fiscal Year 2025. This includes a **25-percent** temporary increase for residential and outpatient SUD services on the Specialized Behavioral Health (SBH) fee schedule. **Please note that the applicable rates will be provided on a separate schedule from the existing Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) tab.**

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is updating our claims processing systems to properly adjudicate, which should be completed by October 21, 2024. For dates of service on or after October 1, 2024, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will recycle any claims that were not paid in accordance with these changes within 15 days of implementing the system changes. Providers do not need to take action.

For full details, please see [Informational Bulletin 24-32](#).

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