
To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: [Informational Bulletin 24-32](#): Substance Use Disorder Provider Reimbursement Update (Revised October 29, 2024)

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Substance Use Disorder Provider Reimbursement Update

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 in an amount not to exceed \$31.2 million in State Fiscal Year 2025. For dates of service between **October 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025**, this includes a **25-percent** temporary increase for residential and outpatient SUD services on the Specialized Behavioral Health (SBH) fee schedule. For dates of service between **December 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025**, the above referenced services will be temporarily increased by 50 percent, when rendered to pregnant and post-partum women as part of the Louisiana Department of Health's focus on maternal health. Providers are to append modifier "TH" to eligible claims for pregnant and post-partum women, per the SBH fee schedule, in order to qualify for the 50-percent increase. **Please note, the applicable rates have been provided on a separate schedule from the existing Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) tab.**

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will update our claims processing systems to properly adjudicate residential and outpatient SUD services at the 25-percent temporarily increased rates **within 30 days** of the original date of this Informational Bulletin. For SUD services rendered to pregnant and post-partum women at the 50-percent temporarily increased rates, systems will be updated by **December 29, 2024**. The updated fee schedule is available at [Medicaid Provider Resources](#).

What do you need to do?

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will recycle any claims that were not paid in accordance with these changes by **January 2, 2025** of implementing the system changes. Providers do not need to take action.

For full details, please see [Informational Bulletin 24-32 \(Revised 10.29.2024\)](#).

Questions regarding this message should be directed to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007. The Provider Services Department can be reached daily between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

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