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OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana (ABHLA) is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid Services Manual, and would like to remind providers to refer to these manuals when submitting claims. If the manual requires additional guidance impacting reimbursement, the details will be outlined by ABHLA in the Provider Manual or in a supporting reimbursement policy.

Effective 8/1/2021, ABHLA will enact a new policy for Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment EPSDT preventive services. The policy provides reimbursement guidelines for required and covered EPSDT services, which are made available and accessible to applicable Members through the EPSDT program.

Providers are required to inform Members about and to make required and covered services available to all EPSDT-eligible children at the recommended age per the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)/Bright Futures periodicity schedule](#), with the following two exceptions, which are aligned with the Louisiana Medicaid program:

- The Louisiana Medicaid EPSDT screening guidelines and policies apply to individuals under 21 years of age; and
- The Louisiana Medicaid schedule has stricter requirements for lead assessment and blood lead screening. These requirements can be found in the Louisiana public health rule LAC 48:V.7005-7009 and in the ABHLA Provider Manual

The policy includes:

- A list of required and covered services (including immunizations, education, and screening services following the periodicity schedule) .
- Coverage of Developmental and Autism Screenings
- Coverage of Perinatal Screenings

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

Questions and Support:

For questions, please contact LAProvider@AETNA.com or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.