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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 a supporting reimbursement policy.

Per the Louisiana Department of Health's [Health Plan Advisory 20-25](#), ABHLA informs providers to follow the [AAP/Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule](#) for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) with the following two exceptions:

- The Louisiana Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (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 the [Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Provider Manual](#).

Providers are required to inform EPSDT-eligible member populations (including specific populations such as waivers programs and 421 CMO) about recommended and covered EPSDT services and to make those services available to members per the above guidelines and schedule.

Providers are reminded to bill EPSDT services according to the [Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Fee Schedule](#).

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.