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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.

In alignment with the [Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Manual](#), Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans (G0219, G0235, G0252, 78608, 78609, 78811-78816) and radiopharmaceutical agents (A9515, A9526, A9552, A9580, A9587, A9588) must be reported with an appropriate diagnosis indicating their medical necessity.

Examples of appropriate diagnoses include, but are not limited to:

- Breast cancer (ICD-10 codes C50-C50.929)
- Cervical cancer (ICD-10 codes C53-C53.9)
- Colorectal cancer (ICD-10 codes C18-C18.9)
- Lung cancer (ICD-10 codes C34-C34.92)
- Melanoma (ICD-10 codes C43-C43.9)
- Ovarian cancer (ICD-10 codes C56-C56.9)

Claims for PET scans and radiopharmaceutical agents billed without an appropriate diagnosis will be denied.

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](mailto:LAProvider@AETNA.com) or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.