



**Louisiana Department of Health
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**2018 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Update
Preparation**

Louisiana Medicaid has begun work to update the Medicaid fee-for-service files to reflect new and deleted procedure codes for 2018. It is the intent to have the 2018 codes on file and the applicable fee schedules updated and published as quickly as possible.

Due to the critical nature of this update and to ensure your files are also updated timely, managed care organizations (MCO) are instructed to proactively prepare their procedure code files with those updates that can be made prior to Medicaid publishing its fee schedules. While the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) understands that the floor reimbursement rates are dependent upon the Medicaid file, MCOs currently have access to the code changes for 2018 that should be prepared ahead of getting the Medicaid file.

Once the code changes are published by LDH, the MCOs have 30 days to make the updates per Section 17.2.6.3 of the contract.