



**Louisiana Department of Health  
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**Preparation – 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)  
Update**

Louisiana Medicaid has started to update the Medicaid fee-for-service files to reflect new and deleted procedure codes for 2019. The intent is to have the 2019 codes on file with 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 updated timely, managed care organizations (MCO) are instructed to prepare their procedure code files proactively with those updates that can be made prior to Medicaid publishing its fee schedules. While Louisiana Medicaid understands that the floor reimbursement rates are dependent upon the Medicaid file, MCOs currently have access to the code changes for 2019 and should be prepared prior to receiving the Medicaid file.

Each MCO is expected to update their systems promptly to include the 2019 HCPCS updates and perform a recycle of denied claims related to the 2019 codes not being on file and any rate changes within 15 days of the fee schedules being published (Section 17.2.7.3.1 of the contract). MCOs are also expected to notify providers of their process and timeline for implementing the 2019 HCPCS update, as well as their plan to recycle denied or adjusted claims.