



**Louisiana Department of Health**  
**Health Plan Advisory 18-25**  
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**New Medicaid Policy: Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT)**

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2019, Louisiana Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) will cover Non - Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) for the detection of fetal chromosomal abnormalities in pregnant women. This test will be offered as a service to pregnant women over the age of 35, and to pregnant women of any age who meet one or more of the following high-risk criteria:

- Abnormal first trimester screen, quad screen or integrated screen.
- Abnormal fetal ultrasound scan indicating increased risk of aneuploidy.
- Prior family history of aneuploidy in first degree relative for either parent.
- Previous history of pregnancy with aneuploidy.
- Known Robertsonian translocation in either parent involving chromosomes 13 or 21.

NIPT is not covered for women with multiple gestations.

Managed care organizations (MCO) must update their systems accordingly to accommodate these changes. All MCOs shall have completed their system updates along with any provider publications no later than 60 days from the date of this advisory.

If you have any questions regarding this mandate, please contact Helen Prett at [Helen.Prett@la.gov](mailto:Helen.Prett@la.gov).