



**Louisiana Department of Health**  
**Health Plan Advisory 18-3**  
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**Proton Beam Radiation Therapy – Age Criteria Revised**

This advisory provides notification of changes in the age criteria for coverage of Proton Beam Radiation Therapy (PBRT). AIM Specialty Health only recommends PBRT for pediatric tumors (age under 21) and for other specific tumors such as chondrosarcomas and uveal tract melanomas. Evidence does not recommend the use of PBRT for certain adult cancers, such as prostate or breast cancer.

Effective for dates of service on or after Feb. 20, 2018, Louisiana Medicaid will no longer reimburse for PBRT treatment for individuals 21 years of age and older. Services will continue to be reimbursed for recipients under the age of 21, when it is deemed medically necessary by a physician.

Updates to Healthy Louisiana related policy, systems and claims processing changes are plan specific and are the responsibility of each managed care organization (MCO).