



**Louisiana Department of Health  
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**2019 HCPCS and Physician-Administered Drug Reimbursement Updates**

The Louisiana Medicaid procedure file has been updated to reflect the new and deleted procedure codes effective for dates of service beginning Jan. 1, 2019. The pertinent fee-for-service fee schedules have also been updated and are published on the Louisiana Medicaid website, [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com).

Louisiana Medicaid also updated the reimbursement rates for physician-administered drugs and payable vaccines in the physician office setting to align with the Medicare 2019 Average Sales Price (ASP) drug rate or wholesale acquisition cost. The rate changes are reflected on the Professional Services, Take Charge Plus and applicable Immunization fee schedules and are effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019.

Each managed care organization (MCO) must update its procedure file to include the 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates and revise its reimbursement rates for applicable physician-administered drugs within 30 days of the published Medicaid fee schedule changes (Section 17.2.7.3 of the contract).

MCOs must recycle any claims that were not paid in accordance with 2019 HCPCS and physician-administered drug updates within 15 days of their procedure file revisions (Section 17.2.7.3.1 of the contract).

MCOs shall also notify providers of their process and timeline for implementing the 2019 file changes, as well as their plan to recycle impacted claims.