



**Louisiana Department of Health
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Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Testing

Effective for dates of service on or after Nov. 1, 2019, Louisiana Medicaid will cover testing for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID). This will be part of the required newborn screening and will as such follow the newborn screening restrictions as indicated in policy. This test will be reimbursable under the CPT code 81479. This code is only to be used for this purpose and until such a time as a permanent procedure code is in place.

The Louisiana Department of Health expects the managed care organizations (MCO) will update their systems accordingly to accommodate these changes. All MCOs shall have completed their system updates along with any provider publications no later than 30 days from the date of this advisory.

If you have any questions regarding this mandate, please contact Helen Prett at Helen.Prett@la.gov.