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**2021 HCPCS and Physician-Administered Drug Reimbursement Updates**

**Provider Information:**

The Louisiana Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) files have been updated to reflect the new and deleted Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes effective for dates of service beginning on January 1, 2021. Providers will begin to see these changes on the FFS remittance advice of March 23, 2021. Claims that have been denied due to use of the new 2021 codes prior to their addition to the claims processing system will be systematically recycled with no action required by providers.

Effective for dates of service beginning on January 1, 2021, Louisiana Medicaid updated the reimbursement rates on the FFS file for physician-administered drugs and payable vaccines for Professional Services. Claims previously submitted for these drugs or vaccines with dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, will be systematically adjusted to ensure proper payment. No action is required by the provider.

For questions related to this information as it pertains to FFS Medicaid claims processing, please contact Gainwell Technologies at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

Questions regarding managed care claims should be directed to the appropriate managed care organization (MCO).

**MCO Information:**

Each managed care organization shall update their procedure file to include the 2021 HCPCS updates and revise their reimbursement rates for applicable physician-administered drugs and vaccines 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 2021 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 2021 file changes as well as their plan to recycle impacted claims.