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Anesthesia Policy for Pain Management

LDH has updated its policy for anesthesia to include guidance for pain management.

Managed care organizations (MCO) must refer to the *Professional Services* section of the MCO Manual for this policy and notify providers, via their provider portals, of the updated policy within four business days of this bulletin. MCOs are to publish updated provider manuals that reflect this policy within 30 calendar days thereafter. This policy shall be effective at the end of this period on September 20, 2023.

Managed care providers may refer to their MCOs' provider portals after these deadlines for the detailed policy, and contact the appropriate MCO for questions concerning their policy and managed care claims.

Fee-for-Service (FFS) providers may refer to the Professional Services Manual, which will be updated on the Louisiana Medicaid website at <https://www.lamedicaid.com>, for the detailed policy. Questions regarding FFS claims may be directed to Gainwell Technologies at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

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