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**Implementation of the New 2026 HCPCS Codes**

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The Louisiana Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) claims processing system will be updated to include the new 2026 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for services rendered on or after January 1, 2026. Providers can expect to see the new HCPCS procedure codes displayed on the Professional Services, Outpatient Hospital, and Ambulatory Surgery (hospital and non-hospital) fee schedules following the auto-refresh on April 10, 2026.

Claims denied due to the use of the new 2026 codes prior to their addition to the claims processing system will be systematically recycled with no action necessary by the provider.

For questions related to FFS claims, contact Gainwell Technologies Provider Services 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**

In compliance with Sections 2.18.9.3 through 12.18.9.5 of the Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Organization Model Contract:

- Each MCO shall update their claims processing system to incorporate the 2026 HCPCS updates within 30 days of the published Louisiana Medicaid fee schedule(s).
- MCOs shall also notify providers when the new codes will be in production and outline their process for recycling all impacted claims.
- MCOs must recycle any claims that were not paid in accordance with 2026 HCPCS updates within 15 days of completing their procedure file revisions.