

Medicaid Program Updates

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Updates Topics

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Policy Update

On April 1 Louisiana is the first state to expand postpartum coverage through 12 months after pregnancy, as authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Provider Enrollment

- Providers that file claims with LA Medicaid must enroll in Medicaid's new web-based provider enrollment portal
- CMS approved deadline extension of June 30, 2022
- Medicaid sent all current providers a letter explaining the process for enrollment with instructions.
- If a provider does not have this letter or this information, they can email louisianaprovenroll@gainwelltechnologies.com to request a reprinted letter be mailed.
- Reprinted letter requests will only be accepted by email.

Medicaid MCO RFP

Louisiana Department of Health announces intent to award MCO contracts

February 11, 2022

The Request for Proposals for Managed Care Organizations was released on June 24, 2021. Proposals were due on September 10, 2021. The Louisiana Department of Health received proposals from Aetna Better Health of Louisiana; AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana; Healthy Blue; Humana; Louisiana Healthcare Connections; and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan Louisiana.

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) announced its intent to contract with the following MCOs after completing the review of proposals.

- Aetna Better Health of Louisiana
- AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana
- Healthy Blue
- Humana
- Louisiana Healthcare Connections

This announcement only announces the intent to contract. Contract awards are not final until the completion of the 14-day protest period and the resolution of any protests. The 14-day period begins on February 12, 2022 and ends on February 25, 2022.

Please see the update: <https://ldh.la.gov/news/MCOcontracts22>



LDH Business Plan

Establish University Partnerships

- Purpose: to conduct projects that identify and address challenges and opportunities at LDH
- 4 public universities awarded (each for 1-2 year projects):
 - LSUHSC: Principal Investigator: Peggy Honore, PhD, *“Health Policy Honors Program Contributions to Promoting Evidence-Based Care to Louisiana Medicaid Members.”*
 - LSUHSC: Principal Investigator, Benjamin Springgate, MD, *“Supporting Resilience for Medicaid Members with Opioid Use Disorder.”*
 - PBRC: Principal Investigator, Ronald Horswell, PhD, *“Optimizing Use of Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices in the Medicaid Diabetes Population.”*
 - PBRC; Principal Investigator: Gang Hu, PhD, *“Trends in the incidence of gestational diabetes mellitus and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and their associations with adverse pregnancy outcomes among the Louisiana Medicaid population.”*

Implement Coverage of CHWs

- Awaiting CMS approval of State Plan Amendment
- An APM for coverage in FQHC and RHC is also in process
- Next Steps: publish policy in FFS manual and MCO manual

Maternal Health Deliverables

- Add coverage of **remote patient monitoring technology** for prenatal care, including for management hypertension
 - Coverage of BP monitoring devices for pregnant women with chronic HTN effective in May
- **Research and begin implementation** on policy options for using technology to improve access to routine and specialty obstetric care through telehealth, remote patient monitoring, and subspecialty consultation
 - 4/5 MCOs offer some form of RPM services for pregnant members
 - Researched other state's coverage models and professional organization recommendations
 - Published MCO Manual Edits and continue meeting with stakeholders/MCO to plan future steps

Maternal Health Deliverables

- Facilitate breast pump and breast milk storage device availability and accessibility to Medicaid beneficiaries
 - Added DME coverage for Human Milk Storage Bags
 - Facilitated routine communication between BFH and MCOs to collaborate on Medicaid enrollee outreach and coordination of available breastfeeding resources
- Propose clinical and reimbursement policy that expands covered lactation services
 - Completed research on other state Medicaid lactation support policies and options
 - Completed breastfeeding focus groups
 - Submitted report on policy review and focus group findings to inform policy options for LA

Pediatric Deliverables

- Evaluate MCO performance improvement project to increase developmental screenings
 - Reviewed all MCO PIP interventions and final measures
 - Screening increased, on average, by 10% with final percentage screened at about 22% using new procedure code measurement
- Increase the number of Medicaid insured children ages 0-3 years who receive a developmental screening by recommended ages by 4,300 (5%)
 - Collaborated with Developmental Screening Coordinator and participated on provider webinars, with another round to begin in June 2022
 - Interim analysis in April showed we are at 86% of target (33,750 completed)

Pediatric Deliverables

- Collaborate with existing immunization programs and health systems to direct vaccination catch-up efforts to areas or populations that are below the average vaccination rates in the state
 - Facilitated creation of internal analysis database for analysis of Medicaid vaccinations
 - Participating in CDC CoP to explore interventions and strategies
 - Completed draft of plans to identify gaps and develop interventions
- Increase the provision of fluoride varnish in the medical home by 500 applications for children insured through Medicaid
 - Launched fluoride varnish MCO PIP in January 2022
 - Participating in Oral Health Affinity Group project
 - Interim analysis in April showed we are at 93% of target (9,959 completed)

COVID-19 Updates

Medicaid Flexibilities related to the PHE

[Health Plan Advisories](#)

and

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are updated regularly and posted
on the [LDH website](#).

SOME SUPERHEROES WEAR CAPES... SOME WEAR BAND-AIDS.

CDC recommends the COVID-19 vaccine
for all children 5 & up



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visit ldh.la.gov/kidsvax



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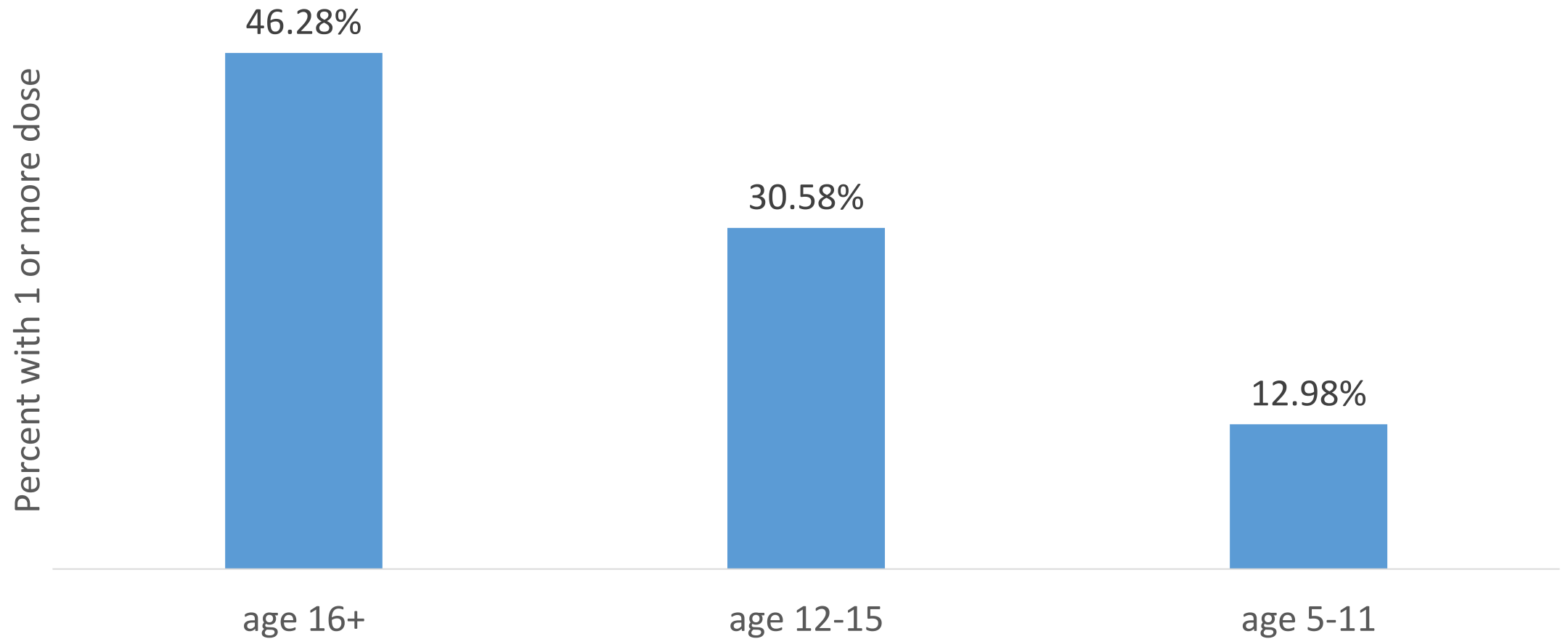
EUA for the Pfizer Vaccine,
authorizing:

- single booster dose
- children 5 - 11 years
- at least five months
after completion of a
primary series



Louisiana Medicaid COVID Vaccine Rates (5/12/22)

Percent of Beneficiaries Receiving at least 1 Dose of Vaccine



Questions?

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