

LA.CLI.067 – Outpatient Lactation Support Provider

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Scope:

Humana Healthy Horizons in Louisiana (HHH in LA or The Plan) provides coverage for outpatient lactation support for assessment, identification, and treatment of breastfeeding issues for members who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or exclusively pumping. This In Lieu of Service (ILOS) is intended for pregnant and postnatal mothers, to aid in the numerous health benefits breastfeeding provides for both the mother and their infant. Outpatient lactation support provides breastfeeding care and support for any member who is pregnant, breastfeeding, or expressing milk for the purpose of providing nutrition to their infant. Lactation support providers can assess concerns, evaluate issues with anatomy, and assist in mitigating challenges associated with breastfeeding such as latching and positioning for infants and mothers.

Policy:

The Plan provides coverage for lactation support services for individual or group education sessions, for pregnant and postnatal eligible members up to 24 months postpartum. All individual sessions, group educational sessions, or a mixture of these are allowable per individual eligible member.

Procedures:

Eligibility and Access

- All pregnant or postnatal HHH in LA members who are eligible at the time the service is delivered.
- Members will continue routine obstetrical, gynecological, and pediatric care.
- Members can access a lactation support provider by contacting their current obstetrical care provider, through independent research, or through Humana’s care coordination process.
- Referrals from primary physicians or any other provider type are not required.

Lactation Support Provider Responsibility

- Lactation support providers must achieve and maintain qualifications as required by their respective credentialing and certifying body. Eligible lactation support providers include:
 - ICLC - International Certified Lactation Consultant; or
 - ALC - Advanced Lactation Consultant; or
 - ANLC - Advanced Nurse Lactation Consultant; or

- CLC - Certified Lactation Counselor; or
- CBS - Certified Breast-Feeding Specialist; or
- CLE - Certified Lactation Educator
- Lactation support providers must submit proof of credential or certification with claim for reimbursement.
- Lactation support providers must limit educational classes to eight (8) unique persons per session.

Definitions:

ILOS: In Lieu of Services; a medically appropriate, cost-effective alternative for services covered under the Louisiana Medicaid State Plan.

LC: Lactation Consultant - A trained professional who provides support for lactating mothers for the feeding of their infant.

References:

- Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Organization Attachment A: Model Contract
- Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Organization Amendment 5 Changes to Attachment C: In Lieu of Services
- Humana Healthy Horizons in Louisiana Lactation Support Provider Billing and Claims Payment Guide

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