

Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 30, 2020

**TO:** Louisiana Medicaid Dental Providers

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

Rural Health Centers (RHC)

**FROM:** Louisiana Medicaid

**SUBJECT:** Prohibited PPE Billing

Louisiana Medicaid has received calls from Medicaid beneficiaries who are being charged for personal protective equipment (PPE) during their dental visits. Pursuant to Medicaid regulations requiring that providers accept Medicaid payment as "payment in full," providers are not allowed to bill Medicaid beneficiaries for any extra PPE that may be required to perform medical or dental services. The requirements surrounding PPE, and the increased expense, is not an expense that can be passed on to Medicaid beneficiaries.