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## **Reimbursement reminder: laboratory and radiology services, and durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies**

This is a reminder to review the Louisiana Medicaid fee schedules, informational bulletins and provider manuals regarding coverage and the correct codes to use for billing in the outpatient setting (for example, office; independent lab; free-standing radiology facility; durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies DMEPOS supplier; home health; etc.). **This does not include hospitals or ambulatory surgery center facilities.**

### **Reimbursement for DMEPOS, laboratory and radiology services**

Services, devices and items are tied to codes, reimbursement methods (for example, fee schedules, rates, per diems, etc.) and authorization requirements. Using these references will help you understand the proper codes to use so claims may be adjudicated efficiently:

- Per Appendix F of the *Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) DME Provider Manual* (<https://bit.ly/2L0dWHF>), information on covered services, procedure codes and current rates is available at <https://bit.ly/2zscHW>.
- Per Section 27.1 of the *LDH Independent Laboratories Provider Manual* (<https://bit.ly/2KMap13>), any laboratory procedure not listed in the fee schedules is not reimbursable by Medicaid. The laboratory fee schedule defines the codes that are payable.
- Per Section 5.1 of the *LDH Professional Services Provider Manual* (<https://bit.ly/2z8vKet>), reimbursement for radiology services shall be the lower of billed charges or the fee on file, minus the amount that any third-party coverage would pay. The fee schedules define the codes that are payable.

Note, there may be exceptions that are allowed for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment guidelines; value added-benefits; physician administered drugs (for example, J codes); etc.

### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

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