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Peer-to-peer process change

Summary of change: Effective May 1, 2019, Healthy Blue is changing the current provider peer-to-peer (P2P)/informal reconsideration process. We are implementing these changes to ensure closer alignment with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) contract expectations.

What is the impact of this change?

Beginning May 1, 2019, the provider peer-to-peer/informal reconsideration process will follow the guidelines outlined below:

- For a provider acting on behalf of a member to be eligible to request or participate in a P2P/informal reconsideration discussion, Healthy Blue must receive the member's written consent within **ten business days** from the notification of denial. You may use the *Reconsideration and Appeal Representative Form* for this purpose.
- P2P/informal reconsideration discussions with providers will occur within **one business** day of receipt of the request and the member's written consent.
- P2P/informal reconsideration discussions and will be conducted between the provider rendering the service and the health plan physician.
- If the P2P/informal reconsideration cannot occur within one working day, the member or the provider acting on behalf of a member with the member's written consent maintains the right to file a medical necessity appeal within sixty calendar days from the notice of denial date.

How do I request a P2P/informal reconsideration discussion?

Providers acting on the member's behalf will be required to provide the member's written consent upon request for a P2P/informal reconsideration discussion. To request a discussion with Healthy Blue, please contact **1-877-440-4065**, ext. **106-103-5145**. You may also initiate the request by completing the *Reconsideration and Appeal Representative Form*. Once you complete the form, please submit by:

- Fax 1-844-429-9629
- Email LA1P2P@anthem.com

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**.