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## 2019 HCPCS updates

**Summary:** Healthy Blue will update our procedure file to include the 2019 HCPCS updates and revise our reimbursement rates for applicable physician-administered drugs within 30 days of the published fee schedule changes. The updates reflect the new and deleted procedure codes effective for dates of service (DOS) beginning January 1, 2019.

Louisiana Medicaid updated the reimbursement rates for physician-administered drugs and payable vaccines in the physician office setting to align with the Medicare 2019 average sales price (ASP) drug rate or wholesale acquisition cost. The rate changes are reflected on the *Professional Services, Take Charge Plus* and applicable *Immunization* fee schedules and are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019.

The fee-for-service fee schedules are also updated and posted on the Louisiana Medicaid website for review at: [www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee\\_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm](http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm).

### What is the impact of this change?

Any claims that were not paid in accordance with 2019 HCPCS and physician-administered drug updates within 15 days of their procedure file revisions will be recycled.

We will update our systems to reflect the new codes and rates by March 7, 2019. Impacted claims will be recycled by March 22, 2019, without need for any action from the provider.

### 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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