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New Medicaid policy: Noninvasive prenatal testing

Summary of change: Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2019, Louisiana Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) will cover noninvasive prenatal testing (NIPT) for the detection of fetal chromosomal abnormalities in pregnant women.

Who is eligible?

This test will be offered as a service to pregnant women over the age of 35, and to pregnant women of any age who meet one or more of the following high-risk criteria:

- Abnormal first trimester screen, quad screen or integrated screen
- Abnormal fetal ultrasound scan indicating increased risk of aneuploidy
- Prior family history of aneuploidy in first-degree relative for either parent
- Previous history of pregnancy with aneuploidy
- Known Robertsonian translocation in either parent involving chromosomes 13 or 21

NIPT is not covered for women with multiple gestations.

What is the associated CPT code?

We are updating our system accordingly to accommodate this change. Please use CPT code 81420.

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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