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## **Proton beam radiation therapy — age criteria change**

Healthy Blue is changing the policy for proton beam radiation therapy (PBRT), allowing us to follow the guidelines outlined in the Louisiana Department of Health *Health Plan Advisory 18-3*. According to the advisory, AIM Specialty Health® only recommends PBRT for pediatric tumors, chondrosarcomas and uveal tract melanomas. Evidence does not recommend the use of PBRT for certain adult cancers such as prostate or breast cancer.

Healthy Blue will no longer reimburse for PBRT for individuals 21 years of age and older for dates of service on or after February 20, 2018. Services will continue to be reimbursed for members under the age of 21 when they are authorized and deemed medically necessary by a physician.

If claims were paid for members over the age of 21 and for dates of service on or after February 20, 2018, the claims will be recycled and the monies recouped. The provider will not need to refund monies back or refile claims.

If you have questions about this communication, call Provider Services at **1-844-512-6942**.

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