

Provider Bulletin May 2022

Urine drug testing policy update

Summary of change: The Louisiana Department of Health has updated its policy regarding urine drug testing via LDH IB 22-15: Urine Drug Testing Policy Update.

What is the impact of this change?

Effective June 16, 2022, Healthy Blue will cover presumptive and definitive urine drug testing under the following parameters:

- Presumptive drug testing is limited to 24 total tests per enrollee per calendar year.
- Definitive drug testing is limited to 12 total tests per enrollee per calendar year. Definitive drug testing is limited to individuals with an unexpected positive or unexpected negative finding on presumptive drug testing or if there is a clinical reason to detect a specific substance or metabolite that would be inadequately detected through presumptive drug testing.
- Testing more than 14 definitive drug classes in one test is not reimbursable.
- No more than one presumptive test and one definitive test shall be reimbursed per day per enrollee, from the same or different provider.
- Universal drug testing (screening) in a primary care setting is not covered. Drug testing without signs or symptoms of substance use or without current controlled substance treatment is not covered

What if I need assistance?

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

If you file claims with Louisiana Medicaid, you *must* enroll in the new Medicaid Provider Enrollment Portal to continue being reimbursed.

To help expedite your enrollment process, have information on hand to complete questions around disclosure of ownership. Start your enrollment using the QR code to the right or via the online form (www.ldh.la.gov/medicaidproviderenrollment).

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Louisiana Medicaid:

- Email: LouisianaProvEnroll@gainwelltechnologies.com
- Phone: **833-641-2140** (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT)



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