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OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana (ABHLA) is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid Services Manual, and would like to remind providers to refer to these manuals when submitting claims. If the manual requires additional guidance impacting reimbursement, the details will be outlined by ABHLA in the Provider Manual or in a supporting reimbursement policy.

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has issued [Informational Bulletin 21-19 Physician Administered Medication Policy](#).

In alignment with the above policy and effective October 27, 2021, ABHLA covers medically necessary physician-administered medications that are reimbursable in Louisiana Medicaid. For those medications included in the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) fee schedules, ABHLA covers these in the medical benefit. ABHLA may also elect to cover these medications in the pharmacy benefit. For those medications that are not included in the Louisiana Medicaid FFS fee schedules, ABHLA may cover them in either the medical benefit, the pharmacy benefit, or both.

Physician administered medications included in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) have the same preferred status and prior authorization (PA) criteria as the PDL, even when billed and paid as a medical benefit.

At a minimum, administration of the medication may be billed using the lowest level office visit (CPT procedure code 99211) if a higher-level evaluation and management (E&M) visit has not been submitted for that date by the rendering provider. Any alternative reimbursement for medication administration must be equivalent to or greater than the reimbursement for CPT code 99211.

ABHLA will apply edits for physician-administered drugs, updated quarterly, based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) NDC-HCPCS Crosswalk file.

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

Questions and Support:

For questions, please contact LAProvider@AETNA.com or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.