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#### SCOPE:

Louisiana Healthcare Connections (Plan) Population Health and Clinical Operations and <u>MemberEnrollee</u> Service departments

#### **PURPOSE:**

To outline the list of covered benefits and services offered to Plan <u>memberenrollees</u> ensuring <u>memberenrollees</u> have available, at a minimum, those core benefits and services, and any other services as provided through the 1915(i) SPA, 1915(c), and 1915(b) waivers specified in the <u>Plan Emergency</u> <u>ContractLouisiana Department of Health RFP Model Contract, MCO Manual</u> <u>and MCO Covered Services attachment B</u> and as defined by the Louisiana, administrative rules and Department policies and procedure manuals. (Emergency Contract 6.1.1RFP Model Contract 2.4.1.1)

The Plan shall provide MCO Covered Services in accordance with LDH's definition of medically necessary services (see Glossary), including quantitative and non-quantitative treatment limits, as indicated in State statutes and regulations, the State Plan, and the MCO Manual. [42 C.F.R. §438.210(a)(5)(i)] [Model Contract 2.4.1.5]

#### **POLICY:**

The Plan, at a minimum, provides benefits and services that are reasonable and medically necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury or are preventive in nature, ensure the ability to achieve age-appropriate growth and development, or the ability to attain, maintain, or regain functional capacity. (RFP Model Contract 2.4.1.6.2-3) Services shall be sufficient in an amount, duration, and scope to reasonably be expected to achieve the purpose for which the services are furnished (RFP Model Contract 2.12.3.3) and that are no less than the amount, duration or scope for the same services furnished to eligibles under the Medicaid State Plan as specified in 42 CFR §438.210(a). (Emergency Contract 6.1.2RFP Model Contract 2.4.1.3) The Plan will educate and monitor providers to ensure that the member<u>enrollee</u> is held harmless by the provider for the costs of medically necessary core benefits and services. (Emergency Contract 6.32.4RFP Model Contract 2.12.7.2.4)

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The Plan shall not avoid costs for services covered in its contract by referring enrollees to publicly supported health care resources. (Emergency Contract 6.1.17<u>RFP Model Contract 2.4.1.8</u>)

The Utilization Management (UM) Program aims to reduce inappropriate and duplicative use of health care services and provide services that are a covered benefit, medically necessary, appropriate to the patient's condition, rendered in the appropriate setting and meet professionally recognized standards of care, including but not limited to non-emergent use of hospital Emergency Departments. (Emergency Contract 6.1.2RFP Model Contract 2.4.1.9) Services shall be managed to promote utilization of best, evidenced-based and informed practices and to improve access and deliver efficient, high quality services. (Emergency Contract 6.4.3) The Plan will not arbitrarily deny or reduce the amount, duration or scope of required services solely because of diagnosis, type of illness or condition of the memberenrollee. (Emergency Contract 6.1.6RFP Model Contract 2.12.3.2) The Plan shall screen memberenrollees to determine level of need for the purpose of service authorization based on medical necessity. Based on this medical necessity determination, the Plan shall authorize Medicaid State Plan services as appropriate. (Emergency Contract 6.4.2

The Plan is responsible for all core benefits and services as long as a <u>memberenrollee</u> is enrolled in the plan, including periods in which the <u>memberenrollee</u> is admitted to a long-term care facility/nursing home for rehabilitative purposes and prior to the time the <u>memberenrollee</u> is disenrolled from the plan. (Emergency Contract 6.18.1)

The Plan shall provide coverage of and be financially responsible for medically necessary durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, certain supplies, appliances, and assistive devices including, but not limited to, hearing aids for <u>memberenrollee</u>s under the age of 21. DME for those under 21 includes disposable incontinence supplies and enteral formulas. (Emergency Contract 6.20)

The Plan shall not portray core benefits or services as a value-added benefit or service.  $\frac{\text{(Emergency Contract 6.1.14)}}{\text{(Emergency Contract 6.1.14)}}$ 

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The Plan may request to be notified by the provider, but shall not deny claims payment based solely on lack of notification, for the following:

- Obstetrical care (at first visit); and
- Obstetrical admissions exceeding forty-eight (48) hours after vaginal delivery and ninety-six (96) hours after Caesarean section

#### **PROCEDURE:**

- 1. The Plan may place appropriate limits on a service (a) on the basis of certain criteria, such as medical necessity; or (b) for the purpose of utilization control (with the exception of EPSDT services)(RFP Model Contract 2.12.8.7), provided the services furnished can reasonably be expected to achieve their purpose- in accordance with 42 CFR §438.210 (RFP Model Contract 2.4.1.4). The services support enrollees with ongoing or chronic conditions and are authorized in a manner that reflects the Enrollee's ongoing need for such services and supports. (Model Contract 2.4.1.4.2.2) The Plan shall provide the PASRR Level II authority (Office of Behavioral Health) with documentation supporting appropriate limits on a service on the basis of medical necessity for individuals determined by the PASRR Level II authority to need specialized behavioral health services. (Emergency Contract 8.1.20). No medical service limitation can be more restrictive than those that currently exist under the Title XIX Louisiana State Medicaid Plan - upward variances of amount duration and scope of these services are allowed.
- 2. The Plan requires prior authorization for only those procedures and services for which the quality of care or financial impact can be favorably influenced by medical necessity or appropriateness of care review, such as non-emergent inpatient admissions (other than normal newborn deliveries) (RFP Model Contract 2.12.8.7), all out-of-network services and certain outpatient services and ancillary services as described on the Prior Authorization List.
- 3. Core Covered Benefits and services are outlined in the table below.

Covered Services:	Comments
Abortion (Elective)	Covered only when medically necessary to save the life of the mother or if pregnancy is the
	result of rape or incest. (42 CFR 441.200

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	et seq support E) Must submit correctly
	completed Louisiana "Certification for Informed
	Consent-Abortion" with claim.
Acute Medical Detoxification	Urgent/Emergent admissions require notification
	within one (1) business day.
Ambulance – Airplane	Prior Authorization required for all non-emergent
-	fixed wing (airplane) Ambulance Services.
Ambulance – Emergent	Includes emergency ground and emergency
	helicopter ambulance. Prior authorization
	required when transporting to out-of-state
	location.
Ambulance Non-Emergency	Prior Authorization required only when
This dialect Tron Emergency	transporting to out-of-state location.
Ambulatory Surgery Center Services	Prior Authorization required for
Amountory Surgery Center Services	elective/scheduled inpatient admissions. For
	Outpatient scheduled procedures, also refer to the
	Prior Authorization List/ARQ for specific codes
	as well as review Participating versus Non-
	Participating status to determine if authorization
	is required.
Antepartum Care	Must be billed as individual visit services are
	rendered, not global antepartum or global
	delivery codes.
Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapy (age	Authorization required
<u>0-20)</u>	
Audialaan Samiaaa	Defente Drien Authorization List/ADO for
Audiology Services	Refer to Prior Authorization List/ARQ for
	specific codes.
Basic Behavioral Health Services	
Biopharmaceutical Drugs	Prior Authorization is required for selected
Diophamaccatcar Drugs	J-Codes when administered/dispensed in a
	provider's office, outpatient facility, or in the
	home. Refer to Prior Authorization List/ARQ.
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Breast Pump	Covered without need for prior authorization for
	nursing mothers. Eligible for one double-electric
	breast pump per delivery. Breast pump supplies
	will be covered once every 180 days with
	prescription. Replacement pumps will be covered
	within three years of date of request and

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	following expiration of the manufacturer's
	warranty.
Chiropractic Services	Prior Authorization required. Covered under age
	21 years. Refer to Prior Authorization List/ARQ
	for specific codes.
C-Section	A length of stay beyond 4 days requires inpatient
	notification.
Clinic Services	Including Non-IEP Medicaid covered services
	provided in schools and when such services are
	not funded through certified public expenditures.
Cochlear Implants	Prior Authorization required for cochlear
	implants. Refer to Prior Authorization List/ARQ
	for specific codes. Ear molds and batteries do not
	require authorization.
Communicable Disease Services	Includes testing and treatment.
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Dental - General Anesthesia	No authorization required.
Dental- Emergency, Medical, & Surgical	Prior Authorization is required for services
	performed by an oral surgeon in the office.
	Routine/preventive dental is covered by
	Louisiana Medicaid. As a value-added benefit,
	dental services are covered for memberenrollees
	over 21 years of age. Refer to Value Added
	Benefits for full notation of coverage.
Dental- Non-Emergency, Medical, & Surgical	Coverage for all ages per LHCC Value Added
Dentar 11011 Emergency, Modical, & Surgicar	Benefits (refer to Value Added Benefits info for
	full notation of coverage).
Dialysis	Includes free standing and outpatient hospital
	setting. Prior Authorization is required for any
	biopharmacy and Non-Par provider.
	oropharmacy and roll-1 at provider.
Durable Medical Equipment – Appliances and	Prior Authorization required.
Supplies	See Authorization List Below (examples, not all
Supplies	inclusive):
	Apnea Monitor
	BiPAP
	Bone Growth Stimulator
	CPAP
	Custom Compression Burn Garments
	Custom Compression Duni Garments

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	Gait Trainers
	Hospital beds
	Infusion Pumps
	Power and standard wheelchairs
	Traction equipment
	Wheelchairs
	Wound Vacuum
	Miscellaneous DME over \$2000
Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and	For memberenrollees under 21 years of age.
Treatment (EPSDT)	EPSDT/ Well Child Services (Previously
	KidMed).
Emergency Room Services	Services rendered in an ER place of service by
	non-participating providers will be reimbursed at
	100 percent of the Medicaid rate for emergency
	services.
End Stage Renal Disease Services	
Enteral/Parenteral Nutrition for Home Use	Prior Authorization is required.
Family Planning Services	Includes "Well Woman" exams, screenings,
	pregnancy testing, prescription birth control pills,
	Mirena, and other Intra-Uterine Devices.
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) &	No Authorization required.
Rural Health Clinic (RHC)	
Fluoride Varnish	Covered by PCP. No Prior Authorization
	required; however, only certain PCP's are
	certified to provide these services. Please contact
	Provider Services for a listing of eligible
	providers prior to obtaining services.
Genetic Testing	Prior Authorization required for select codes.
_	Refer to Prior Authorization List/ARQ.
Hearing Aids and Batteries	For memberenrollees under 21 years of age:
_	Molds V5264 and batteries do not require
	authorization.
	As a value-added benefit:
	For memberenrollees under 21 years of age, one
	annual hearing exam and one (1) set of hearing
	aids, every two (2) years.

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High Tech Imaging	Prior Authorization required for CTA, MRA,
	MRI, PET Scans. Service managed by Magellan
	Healthcare (NIA). Cardio Nuclear imaging
	requires Prior Authorization and is code specific
	as to whether or not this is authorized through
	Magellan Healthcare (NIA) or by the Plan. Refer
	to Prior Authorization List/ARQ.
Home Health Care Services	Prior Authorization required and visits are
	unlimited for any age. Services include but are
	not limited to: Skilled Nursing Services, Home
	Health Aide, Home Infusion and Wound
	Therapy. Home Therapy (Physical, Occupational,
	and/or Speech) is managed by Magellan
	Healthcare (NIA). Home Health Extended Care is
	available for memberenrollees under 21 years of
	age only.
Home Health Care Services OB	Prior Authorization is required. 17P/Makena
	Administration, Hypertension, Preeclampsia,
	N&V (Zofran/Reglan pumps), DM, NST, Preterm
	Labor Management.
Hospice Care	Prior Authorization is required. (Emergency
	Contract 6.1.4)
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy	Prior Authorization is required.
Hysterectomy	Prior Authorization is required. Must submit
	copy of Louisiana "Acknowledgment of Receipt
	of Hysterectomy Information Form" with claim.
Immunizations	Includes children and adults. Providers must
	participate in Vaccines for Children (VFC) for
	child immunizations.
Inpatient Hospital Services	Prior Authorization required for those services
I	and procedures noted elsewhere on this list
	(hysterectomy, potentially cosmetic etc.). The
	MCO <sub>[SJB1]</sub> shall require prior authorization
	for out-of-state non-emergency
	hospitalization, unless the request for
	hospitalization, unless the request for hospitalization is for a dual
	Medicare/Medicaid eligible enrollee.
	Additional service authorization requirements
	and exclusions are defined in the Contract
	(MCO Manual)

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Laboratory Services	Must use Network Provider. Refer to Prior
	Authorization List/ARQ for specific codes.
Locum Tenen	Prior Authorization must be obtained for Locum
	Tenen Services if practitioner is not credentialed
	with the facility through the Plan.
Maternity Care Services	Prenatal through Postpartum. Submit Notice of
	Pregnancy (NOP) form at first visit.
Neuro-Psychological Services	Prior Authorization required. Based on diagnosis,
	may be authorized by Plan. Refer to Prior
	Authorization List/ARQ.
Nurse Midwife and Nurse Practitioner Services	No authorization required.
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Observation	Prior Authorization is required for Observation
	stays which exceed 48 hours
OB Ultrasound	76811 and 76812 may be billed by Perinatologist
	and Maternal Fetal Specialist only. No
	Authorization is required.
Oral Surgeon Services	Prior Authorization required for procedures
	conducted by an oral surgeon.
Orthotics	Certain codes are age specific. Refer to Prior
	Authorization List/ARQ.
Out-of-Network Physician & Facility	Prior Authorization is required for all Out-of-
	Network provider/facility requests, excluding
	emergency department (ED) services, family
	planning services, and table top x-rays.
Outpatient Hospital Services	
Pain Management Services	Prior Authorization is required for services,
	including pain/nerve blocks, epidural injections,
	neuro-stimulators (both in office and outpatient),
	except for acute post-operative pain.
Pediatric Day Healthcare Services (age 0-20)	Authorization required
Personal Care Services	Prior Authorization is required. Limited to 0-20
	years of age. (RFP Model Contract
	2[SJB2].4.2.1.3Emergency Contract 6.1.4).
Physician/Professional Services	

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Primary Care Physician (PCP), Physician	Prior Authorization is required for all Out-of-
Assistant, Nurse Practitioner and Specialist	Network services, excluding emergency room
Office Visits	(ER) services, family planning services, and table
Diastia Sumamy	top x-rays. Prior Authorization is required for all treatments
Plastic Surgery	& procedures in office or outpatient setting. No
	a covered benefit for cosmetic purposes.
Podiatrist Services	No Authorization required excluding services
	performed by an Out-of-Network provider. Ref
	to Prior Authorization List/ARQ for specific
	codes.
Prescription Drugs	Managed by Envolve Pharmacy Solutions.
	Envolve Pharmacy Solutions, the Plan's
	pharmacy benefit manager, processes pharmacy
	claims and administers the Medication Prior
	Authorization process. The Medication Prior Authorization form should be used when
	submitting prior authorizations or medical
	necessity requests. Refer to Preferred Drug List
	and Prior Authorization List/ARQ.
Pregnancy-Related Services	
Procedures/Surgery	Prior Authorization is required for all
Theedules/Surgery	participating provider status in any setting for th
	following:
	Bariatric Surgery
	Blepharoplasty
	Breast Reconstruction /Reduction
	Laminotomy
	Tonsillectomy & Adenoidectomy
	Otoplasty
	Rhinoplasty
	Varicose Vein Treatments
	Hernia Repair
	For Outpatient scheduled procedures, also
	refer to the Prior Authorization List/ARQ fo
	specific codes as well as review Participatin
	versus Non-Participating status to determine
	if authorization is required.

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Prosthetics	Prior Authorization may be required for selected
	codes. Refer to Prior Authorization List/ARQ.
Radiation Therapy	Prior Authorization is required.
Radiology and X-Rays	Routine X-Rays – No authorization is required.
	Prior Authorization is required for high-tech
	radiology including CT, MRI, MRA, PET Scan.
	Services requested for high-tech radiology are
	managed by Magellan Healthcare (NIA). See OB
	Ultrasound.
School-Based Health Clinic Services	No authorization required, except as otherwise
	noted on the list.
Sleep Study	Prior Authorization is required for Sleep Studies
	performed in home or outpatient settings.
Specialized Behavioral Health Services	Psychiatry (all Ages)
	LMHP
	Licensed Practitioner Outpatient Therapy
	Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment
	(CPST)
	Multi-Systemic Therapy
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT – under age 21)
	Homebuilders (under age 21)
	Assertive Community Treatment (ACT – limited
	to 18 years and older)
	Psychosocial Therapy (PSR) Crisis Intervention
	Crisis Stabilization (age 0-20)
	Therapeutic Group Homes (TGH) (age 0-20)
	Peer Support Services (age 21 and older)
	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
	(PRTF – under age 21)
	Inpatient hospitalization (age 21 and under; 65
	and older)
	Outpatient, and Residential and Inpatinet
	Substance Use Disorder in accordance with
	American Society of Addition Medicine (ASAM)
	Screening for services (including Coordinated
	Systems of Care – CsoC)
	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Medication Assisted Treatment
	Agreement Target Population
	Crisis services (MCR, CBCS, BHCC) -21 and up

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	Individual Placement Support IPS PCS for DOJ
Specialty Injection and/or Infusion Services	Prior Authorization is required for selected codes.
Sterilization Services	Refer to Prior Authorization List/ARQ.No authorization required. Must submit "Consent for Sterilization Form" with claim.
Telemedicine	
Therapy (PT,OT,ST) Services (Outpatient)	Initial Evaluation visit does not require authorization. Prior Authorization required for all subsequent visits/treatment and review performed by Magellan Healthcare (NIA). Providers must submit treatment plan & goals for continued services. Must bill with the appropriate G-Modifiers. Services are managed Excludes specified Early Steps Services.
Tobacco Cessation Services	
Transplant Services	Prior Authorization is required for all transplant services including transplant evaluation, pre- and post-services. Processed through Central Transplant Unit.
Transportation Non-Emergency	For memberenrollees who lack transportation to/from Medicaid covered services.
Urgent Care Center	No authorization required if place of Service/Location = 20.
Vision Services and Eyewear	Routine screening, corrective and medical services covered for memberenrollees under 21 years of age.Maximum of three (3) pairs of glasses per calendar year or contacts, with Prior Authorization, covered for memberenrollees under 21 years of age.As a value-added benefit: Annual routine exam and refraction covered for memberenrollees 21 years of age and older. One (1) pair of frames and lenses per calendar year covered for memberenrollees 21 years of age and older. Services managed by Envolve Vision.

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- 4. The Plan may choose to offer additional benefits that are outside the scope of core benefits and services to individual <u>memberenrollee</u>s on a case-by-case basis, based on medical necessity, cost-effectiveness, the wishes of the <u>memberenrollee</u> and/or <u>memberenrollee</u>'s family, the potential for improved health status of the <u>memberenrollee</u>, and functional necessity that are met as required in 42 C.F.R.§438.3(e)(2)(i)-(iii). (Emergency Contract 6.27.1-6.27.1.2 & 6.27.3)(RFP Model Contract 2.4.4.1-2.4.4.2 & 2.4.4.3)
  - The <u>memberenrollee</u> is not required by the plan to use the alternative services or setting
  - The Plan may submit additional in lieu of services to LDH for prior approval and include a plan for identifying and reporting the utilization of in lieu of services

Value–added benefits and services are those optional benefits and services offered by the Plan, including those that are:

- Core benefits and services
- Cost-effective alternatives (Emergency Contract 6.26.2RFP Model Contract 2.4.5)
- 5. Behavioral Health Services [RJ3] Plan will cover basic behavioral health services which include, but are not limited to, screening, prevention, early intervention, medication management, and referral services as defined in the Medicaid State Plan. Basic behavioral health services may further be defined as those provided in PCP or medical provider office by the memberenrollee's physician as part of routine physician evaluation and management activities Specialized behavioral health services shall include, but are not limited to services specifically defined in the Medicaid State Plan or any other services as provided through the 1915(i) SPA, and 1915(c), and 1915(b) waivers and are provided by psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, mental health clinics, mental health rehabilitation service providers (public or private) detailed in Emergency Contract Section 6.4.4. Specialized behavioral health services shall also include any other behavioral health service subsequently amended into the Medicaid state plan or waivers. (Emergency Contract 6.4.1.2

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- 6. Lab and Radiological Services The Plan shall provide inpatient and outpatient diagnostic laboratory testing, therapeutic radiology, and radiological services ordered and/or performed by all network providers. For excluded services such as dental, the Plan is responsible for laboratory or radiological services that may be required to treat an emergency or provide surgical services. The Plan shall provide for clinical lab services and portable x-rays for member<u>enrollee</u>s who are unable to leave their place of residence without special transportation or assistance to obtain PCP ordered laboratory services and x-rays.
- 7. <u>Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs</u>) The Plan will provide <u>memberenrollee</u>s with access to services provided through a FQHC whether or not the FQHC has a contract with the Plan, if:
  - the <u>memberenrollee</u> resides in the service area in which the FQHC is located, and
  - the <u>memberenrollee</u> requests such services.
  - a) If the Plan has at least one FQHC in its provider network in the service area and allows <u>memberenrollee</u>s to receive medically necessary services from the FQHC, the Plan does not need to allow <u>memberenrollee</u>s to access FQHC services out-of-network.
  - b) The Plan will allow <u>memberenrollee</u>s to receive medically necessary services to treat an emergency medical condition from the out-ofnetwork FQHCs (See §4.21 of the Provider Agreement) if the Plan does not include a FQHC in their provider network and a FQHC exists in their designated service area.
  - c) The Plan will reimburse FQHCs based upon rates no less than the Medicaid Prospective Payment Rates established by LDH and in accordance with § 2.2 Payment to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC) of the Provider Agreement.
  - d) The Plan may stipulate that reimbursement will be contingent upon receiving a clean claim and all the medical records information required to update the <u>memberenrollee</u>'s medical records.
- 8. Responsibilities with respect to Chisholm vs. Gee Class
  - a) The Plan must maintain an outreach and referral system to direct class <u>memberenrollee</u>s with an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis to qualified healthcare professionals, who can provide Comprehensive

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Diagnostic Evaluations required to establish medical necessity for Applied Behavior Analysis services.

- b) In addition, the court settlement applies to and ensures necessary psychological and behavioral services described in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a), including diagnostic services and treatment, to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions must be provided by the state to those memberenrollees of the Chisholm class, who meet the criteria listed in the stipulation.(Emergency Contract 6.1.15)
- 9. <u>Second Opinions</u> Authorization for a second opinion will be granted to a network provider, or an out-of-network provider if there is no in-network provider available, when there is a question concerning diagnosis or options for surgery or other treatment of a health condition or when requested by any <u>memberenrollee</u> of the <u>memberenrollee</u>'s health care team, the <u>memberenrollee</u>, parent and/or guardian(s), or a social worker exercising a custodial responsibility. Second opinions, whether from an in-network or an out-of-network provider, will be granted at no cost to the <u>memberenrollee</u>.
- 10. <u>Out-of-Network Services</u> In some cases it may be necessary for services to be provided by an out-of-network provider. The Plan will reimburse non-network providers for core benefits and services if the service was medically necessary, authorized by the Plan, and could not reasonably be obtained by a network provider, inside or outside the state of Louisiana on a timely basis. Core benefits and services are considered authorized if the Plan does not respond to a request for authorization within the time frame specified in the associated Timeliness of UM Decision policy LA.UM.05.
  - a) The decision to authorize use of an out-of-network provider will be based on continuity of care, availability and location of an in-network provider of the same specialty and expertise, and complexity of the case.
  - b) Services will be authorized as long as the service is needed or until the service can be provided by an in-network provider, whichever comes first.
  - c) The Plan will coordinate payment with the out-of-network provider and ensure the cost to the provider is not greater than it would be if the services were furnished by an in-network provider.

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- d) The Plan will coordinate with the out-of-network provider with regard to payment and communicating with the <u>memberenrollee</u>'s other treating physicians/PCP.
- 11. <u>Moral or Religious Objections:</u> The Plan is required to provide and reimburse for all Covered Services. If, during the course of the contract period, <u>in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §1396u-2(b)(3)(B) and 42 C.F.R.</u> <u>§438.102(b)(1)pursuant to 42 CFR 438.102</u>, the Plan elects not to provide, reimburse for or provide coverage of a counseling or referral service because of an objection on moral or religious grounds, the Plan will furnish information about the service it does not cover as follows:
  - a) With its letter of request to LDH to enroll as a MCO or immediately upon adoption if during the term of the MCO Provider Agreement;
  - b) To potential <u>memberenrollee</u>s before and during enrollment, via the Enrollment broker;
  - c) To <u>memberenrollee</u>s within 90 calendar days after adopting the policy, with respect to any particular service, but no more than 30 calendar days before the effective date of the policy.
  - e)d) To enrollees through the inclusion of the information in the Member Handbook

For counseling or referral services that the Plan does not cover because of moral or religious objections, the Plan should direct the <u>memberenrollee</u> to contact

the Enrollment Broker for information on how or where to obtain the service. (<u>RFP Model Contract 2.4.6</u>)<u>Emergency Contract 2.5.1, 2.5.1.1</u>, 2.5.1.2, 2.5.1.3 & 2.5.1.4)

Note: Louisiana Healthcare Connections is not limiting coverage of counseling or referral services because of, but not limited to, objection on moral or religious grounds.

12. <u>Excluded Services:</u> Services defined as those services that <u>memberenrollees</u> may obtain under the Louisiana State Plan<u>or applicable Waivers</u>, and for which the Plan is not financially responsible. However, the Plan is responsible for informing <u>memberenrollees</u> on how to access excluded services, providing all required referrals and assisting in the coordination of scheduling such

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services. These services shall be paid for by LDH on a fee-for-service basis or other basis. (RFP Model Contract 2.4.2.1)

- a) The following services are paid by LDH on a fee-for-service basis:
  - Services provided through LDH's Early Steps Program (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C Program Services)
  - Dental, with the exception of the ESPDT varnishes provided in a primary care setting surgical dental services and emergency dental services (RFP Model Contract 2.4.2.1.1)
  - Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)/Developmental Disabilities (DD) Services (RFP Model Contract 2.4.2.1.2)
  - Personal Care Services for those ages 21 and older\_with the exception of PCH for DOJ members (S5125) (RFP Model Contract 2.4.2.1.3)
  - Nursing Facility Services -with the exception of post-acute rehabilitative care provided at the discretion of the plan as a cost effective alternative service to continued inpatient care (RFP Model Contract 2.4.2.1.4)
  - School-based IEP services provided through the school district and billed through the intermediate school district, or school based services funded with certified public expenditures (these services are not provided by OPH certified school based health clinics) (RFP Model Contract 2.4.2.1.5)
  - All Home and Community-Based Waiver Services with the exception of 1915(b) mandatory enrollment waiver, 1915(c) SED waiver, and 1915(i) SPA services (RFP Model Contract 2.4.2.1.6);
  - Targeted Case Management Services including Nurse Family Partnership
- b) The following services are Prohibited Services under the Plan an-d the Louisiana Medicaid Program: (Emergency Contract 6.25<u>RFP Model</u> <u>Contract 2.4.3.1-4</u>)
  - Elective abortions and related services
  - Experimental/investigational drugs, procedures, or equipment (Phase I and Phase II treatments are considered experimental)
  - Elective Cosmetic Surgery
  - Services for treatment of infertility

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13. The Medicaid Director in consultation with the Medicaid Medical Director and Medicaid Behavioral Health Medical Director will make the final interpretation of any disputes about the medial necessity and continuation of core benefits and services under the Emergency Contract based on whether or not the Medicaid fee-for-service program would have provided the service. (<u>RFP Model Contract 2.12.8.1Emergency Contract 6.1.11.1</u>)

#### **REFERENCES:**

LA MCO RFP Amendment 11 – Section 6.0 Core Benefits and Services, Section 8.0 Utilization ManagementModel Contract MCO Manual MCO Covered Services LA MCO Statement of Work Dated Sept 9, 2019 LA.UM.05 Timeliness, UM Decision and Notification Code of Federal Regulations – 42 CFR 422, 438, 441 Current NCQA Health Plan Standards and Guidelines CMS finalized MEGA Rule May 2016 LA MCO RFP Amendment 16– (RFP 6.1.16)

#### ATTACHMENTS:

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Covered Services:** Those health care services/benefits to which an individual eligible for Medicaid/CHIP is entitled under the Louisiana Medicaid State Plan.

**Inpatient Hospital Care** Inpatient hospital care is defined as care needed for the treatment of an illness or injury which can only be provided safely and adequately in a hospital setting and includes those basic services that a hospital is expected to provide. The MCO shall not reimburse for care that can be provided in the home or for which the primary purpose is of a custodial or cosmetic nature.

**Experimental Services:** A procedure or service that requires additional research to determine safety, effectiveness, and benefit compared to standard practices and characteristics of patients most likely to benefit. The available clinical scientific data may be relatively weak or inconclusive. The term applies only to the determination of eligibility for coverage or payment. **Medically Necessary:** Those health care services that are in accordance with generally accepted evidence-based medical standards or that are considered by most physicians (or other independent licensed practitioners) within the community of their respective professional organizations to be the standard of care (LA Administrative Code). Services, supplies, or equipment provided by a licensed health care professional that: a. are appropriate and consistent with the diagnosis or treatment of the patient's condition, illness, or injury; b. are in accordance with the standards of good medical practice consistent with the individual patient's condition(s); c. are not primarily for the personal comfort or convenience of the

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MemberEnrollee, family, or Provider; d. are the most appropriate services, supplies, equipment, or levels of care that can be safely and efficiently provided to the MemberEnrollee; e. are furnished in a setting appropriate to the patient's medical need and condition and, when applied to the care of an inpatient, further mean that the MemberEnrollee's medical symptoms or conditions require that the services cannot be safely provided to the MemberEnrollee as an outpatient; f. are not experimental or investigational or for research or education; g. are provided by an appropriately licensed practitioner; and h. are documented in the patient's record in a reasonable manner, including the relationship of the diagnosis to the service. The only limitation on services for children is that they are necessary to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered during an EPSDT screen, periodic or inter-periodic, whether or not such services are covered or exceed the benefit limits in the Medicaid State Plan. All services determined to be medically necessary must be covered. A public health quarantine or isolation order or recommendation also establishes the medical necessity of healthcare services. <u>(RFP Model Contract 2.4.1.5.1)</u> Second Opinion - Subsequent to an initial medical opinion, an opportunity or requirement to

obtain a clinical evaluation by a provider other than the one originally making a recommendation for a proposed health service, to assess the clinical necessity and appropriateness of the initial proposed health service.

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POLICY: changed the first bullet from: Inpatient emergency admissions within forty-eight (48) hours of admission to:	10/12
<ul> <li>Inpatient emergency admissions and post stabilization within two (2) business days of admission;</li> </ul>	
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Updated the Core Covered Benefits and Services table to reflect current covered services.	
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#### POLICY AND PROCEDURE APPROVAL

The electronic approval retained in Archer is considered equivalent to a physical signature.