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**CHAPTER 5: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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**OVERVIEW**

Professional services are provided by, but are not limited to, physicians, ~~nurse practitioners~~advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, physician assistants, audiologists, optometrists and other health care professionals. These services are provided within the licensed individual's scope of practice, as defined by Louisiana law, and are provided by, or under the personal direction and supervision of, a State Board licensed individual as authorized under Louisiana law.

This chapter is designed to offer the provider a description of Medicaid benefits in the professional services program and the policies relating to those benefits.

Some professional services may be subject to service limitations or prior authorization. These specific limitations, or prior authorization requirements, are detailed in the topic-specific policy.

Participation in Medicaid is voluntary. Licensed professionals seeking reimbursement for services provided to Medicaid ~~recipients~~beneficiaries must be enrolled with Louisiana Medicaid and accept the Medicaid payment as payment in full for Medicaid covered services. Services reimbursed by Medicaid may be subject to post-payment review and recoupment of any overpayments.

~~Louisiana Medicaid offers support via the internet and telephone. Professional service providers should refer to Appendix A of this chapter for various reference contacts and tools. The Medicaid Services Manual contains information about Medicaid fee-for-service benefits. This manual chapter provides the minimum service requirements for the Professional Services Program. Providers must comply with the service coverage requirements outlined in this policy. For information concerning managed care benefits, providers should refer to the comprehensive provider manual maintained by each managed care organization (MCO).~~

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