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CHAPTER 5: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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SECTION 5.1: COVERED SERVICES

**Routine Care Provided to Beneficiaries Enrolled in Clinical Trials**

Clinical trials are defined as biomedical or behavioral research studies on human participants and are designed to answer specific questions about biomedical or behavioral interventions. These studies include new treatments and known interventions that warrant further study and comparison.

Louisiana Medicaid reimburses for the routine, non-experimental/investigational services furnished as a result of a beneficiary participating in a clinical trial when the services:

- Would otherwise be provided to a beneficiary who is not participating in a clinical trial;
- Are not unique to the experimental or investigational treatment; and
- Are not covered by the clinical trial sponsor.

All services are covered under the same policies as would apply if the beneficiary were not a participant in a clinical trial.