
ATTENTION PROVIDERS OF PRENATAL AND PEDIATRIC PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES

Louisiana Medicaid reminds providers of the Medicaid Prenatal and Preventive Pediatric Care Pay and Chase policy, as published in the *2006 Louisiana Medicaid Basic Services Provider Training*, page 40. This policy addresses certain pediatric prenatal and preventive care services, including immunizations (see bullet #2 of the policy), when the Medicaid enrollee also has a private health insurance carrier.

Providers accepting primary health insurance and Medicaid as secondary coverage for a Medicaid recipient should follow the Pay and Chase policy for all services identified in the policy. If providers choose not to follow the pay and chase policy for services included in this policy, the recipient cannot be billed for Medicaid covered services.

Example:

A child requires a Medicaid covered childhood immunization(s), and has both private health insurance as well as Medicaid as secondary coverage. The Medicaid provider should use vaccines obtained from the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program to immunize the child and bill Medicaid directly. If the provider does not follow this policy and utilizes privately purchased vaccines, and if the private insurance carrier denies the immunization claim, Medicaid will not reimburse providers for the vaccine serum used, and the provider cannot bill the recipient for the vaccine nor for the administration of the vaccine.

If a provider elects to not accept a recipient's Medicaid as secondary coverage, Louisiana Medicaid encourages providers to obtain signed documentation, prior to services being rendered, indicating the Medicaid recipient was made aware that the provider was not accepting Medicaid as secondary coverage, and that the recipient could be responsible for payment of services not covered by the private insurance.

Contact Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040 should you have any questions.