Attention All Dental Providers: LaCHIP Affordable Plan Adds Dental

Effective February 1, 2012, dental benefits will be available to recipients in the LaCHIP Affordable Plan (LAP). There are approximately 3,600 children in LAP as of December 2011.

LAP is a separate state program and different from regular LaCHIP (Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program). LAP recipients receive benefits through the Louisiana Office of Group Benefits (OGB) Preferred Provider Organization (PPO). OGB administers only major medical and prescription benefits and claims processing for this cost-sharing program.

Louisiana Medicaid, not OGB, will be administering the dental benefits and claims processing for these LAP recipients. The recipients will receive a letter informing them of their dental coverage. They **will not** be receiving a Louisiana Medicaid card. ***Please note:*** their PPO medical card and/or OGB ID number should **not** be used to file dental claims on these recipients. The recipient's 13-digit Medicaid ID number must be used to file dental claims. This number is given as a part of the information supplied through eligibility verification.

To inquire about a child's dental benefits, providers should verify eligibility using the eMEVS system at http://www.lamedicaid.com and choose the feature to search by SSN and DOB. For additional identifying information on a member, providers should call the LaCHIP Hotline at 1-888-342-6207.

Many procedures provided through this program require prior authorization. Prior authorization of dental services is done by the LSU Dental School, Medicaid Prior Authorization Unit, just as with regular Medicaid dental services. Please contact this unit through normal channels for authorizations.

For this program, dental providers should use the EPSDT Dental Fee Schedule posted on the Louisiana Medicaid web site, directory link – Fee Schedules, sub-directory link – Dental Fee Schedule Listing. Please use the legend incorporated in the narrative on the first page of the fee schedule to determine which services require authorization.