

Louisiana Department of Health Informational Bulletin



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: July 16, 2026

Subject: [Informational Bulletin 26-8](#): Implementation of the New 2026 HCPCS Codes (Revised July 10, 2026)

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Implementation of the New 2026 HCPCS Codes

Note: This Informational Bulletin replaces Informational Bulletin 26-2.

The revisions are underlined.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana would like to inform you that the Louisiana Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) claims processing system will be updated to include the new 2026 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for services rendered on or after **January 1, 2026**. Providers should now see the new HCPCS procedure codes displayed on the Professional Services, Laboratory & Radiology, Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery (hospital and non-hospital), and other applicable fee schedules, following the auto-refresh that occurred on **April 10, 2026**.

Claims denied due to the use of the new 2026 codes prior to their addition to the claims processing system will be systematically recycled with no action necessary by the provider.

What do you need to do?

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will update our claims processing system to incorporate the 2026 HCPCS updates within 30 days of the published Louisiana Medicaid fee schedule(s).

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will also notify providers when the new codes are in production and outline our process for recycling all impacted claims.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will recycle any claims that were not paid in accordance with the 2026 HCPCS updates within 15 days of completing the procedure file revisions.

For full details, please see [Informational Bulletin 26-8](#).

Questions regarding this message should be directed to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007. The Provider Services Department can be reached daily between 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.

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