



# AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana invites you to join an **Integrated Health ECHO Clinic**

An emerging case-based learning model for practitioners

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is excited to host Integrated Health ECHO clinics — an emerging case-based learning model for practitioners. Continuing Education Credits will be offered for Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) through the Louisiana Counseling Association, and for Licensed Social Workers (LSW) through ViaLink. This opportunity doesn't cost anything for participating AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana practitioners. Please read on for more information and register to join an ECHO model clinic.

## **What is Project ECHO?**

The “Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes” or ECHO model, was developed at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center and is now used nationwide in the United States and internationally.

The ECHO model facilitates case-based learning for front-line practitioners via teleconferencing clinics. Similar to virtual chart rounds, the ECHO model creates a space where practitioners can share knowledge and build support to better manage patients with complex care needs.

For more information on Project ECHO, please visit <https://echo.unm.edu>.

## **What are the goals of this program?**

The AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Integrated Health ECHO program exists to:

1. Disseminate specialty knowledge, with consideration of social and environmental factors through case-based learning.
2. Collaborative education and sharing of information for integration of primary and behavioral health care.
3. Increase collaboration and coordination of services across providers (medical and behavioral health).
4. Identify barriers providers experience in referring members to treatment.
5. Incorporate opportunities for networking between physical health providers, behavioral health providers, and substance use treatment providers.



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### Who participates in an ECHO clinic?

All levels of AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana practitioners are welcome to participate in Project ECHO at no cost; this includes physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, community health workers, counselors, pharmacists, and emergency medical technicians.

Our health plan staff have been trained to facilitate the ECHO model and will guide the experience. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Chief Medical Officer, Behavioral Health Medical Director, and Market Pharmacist will also participate, as pertinent to the cases being reviewed.

ECHO clinics are not intended to replace a practitioner's clinical judgment; the practitioner is responsible for determining applicable treatment for the patients under his or her care.

### Do I need special equipment to attend?

It is best if you have a webcam-equipped laptop, tablet, or smartphone to attend the ECHO clinics. Clinics will take place via the cloud-based software application called Zoom. The application is PC- and Mac-compatible and is available at no cost to participants. However, you may need to download Zoom to your laptop, tablet, or smartphone in order to participate.

### When and how often will ECHO clinics take place?

Clinics will be ongoing and additional clinics will be established to address specific topics as the need dictates. All ECHO clinics will occur on Wednesdays at noon ET on the dates listed below.

Focus	Date
Assisted Outpatient Treatment...A Better Approach to Managing Untreated Severe Mental Health Illness.	September 17, 2025
Integrated Healthcare in Practice	October 1, 2025
Overview of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)	October 15, 2025
Advancing Cultural Competency in Integrated Settings.	October 29, 2025
Navigating the Path to Health for Survivors and Offenders	November 12, 2025
The Power of Naloxone in Opioid Crisis Management	December 10, 2025

**Registration**

Request a registration link by emailing [projectecho@amerihealthcaritas.com](mailto:projectecho@amerihealthcaritas.com)

Please use the iECHO link that will be emailed to you via the iECHO platform.

### What are my participation options?

Providers may participate in one or more of the sessions. Register for one or multiple sessions at the link provided. Once you have registered, you can download a reminder to your calendar.

Once you submit your registration form, health plan staff will review your information and email you to confirm your participation in the ECHO clinic. Your confirmation email will include additional instructions for participation.

### Questions?

Please contact the ECHO Program Coordinator at 1-855-410-6639 or [projectecho@amerihealthcaritas.com](mailto:projectecho@amerihealthcaritas.com).

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