



## Provider Alert

### Change in Pap Smear Coverage for Members Ages 21 and Younger

We'd like to let you know about an important change regarding reimbursement for cervical cancer screenings. On Jan. 1, 2017, the Louisiana Department of Health changed their reimbursement policy for the Papanicolaou Test 23, also known as a pap smear or pap test. This change limited routine cervical cancer screening reimbursement to members age 21 and older unless medically indicated.

While UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana initially announced we would follow the same guidelines, we have since reverted to our national policy of reimbursing you for screenings for members ages 21 and younger. Your claims for pap testing will not be denied because the member is under 21. If any of your claims have been denied for this reason, we'll reprocess them automatically. You don't need to take any action.

We're currently working with the Louisiana Department of Health to update their [Informational Bulletin 16.23: Papanicolaou Test \(Pap Test\) Age Criteria](#) with our policy. You can find the bulletin at [dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Informational\\_Bulletins/16-23/IB16-23\\_11.22.16.pdf](http://dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Informational_Bulletins/16-23/IB16-23_11.22.16.pdf).

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