



**Attention Professional Providers, Independent Laboratory Providers, Take Charge Plus  
Providers and Outpatient Hospital Providers**

**Papanicolaou test (Pap Test)**

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists guidelines (ACOG) does not recommend cervical cancer screening of women younger than 21 years of age. Effective with dates of service January 1, 2017 and forward, Medicaid will no longer reimburse for routine cervical cancer screening for recipients under the age of 21 years.

However, Medicaid considers cervical cancer screening medically necessary for recipients under age 21 who were exposed to diethylstilbestrol before birth, have human immunodeficiency virus, a weakened immune system, a history of cervical cancer, or other criteria subsequently published by ACOG.

Providers of these laboratory services must submit supporting documentation to the fiscal intermediary to have the age restriction bypassed for a specific clinical situation. It is the responsibility of the treating provider to provide the required documentation needed for billing purposes to the laboratory provider upon request.

Further instructions will follow for Medicaid fee for service claims submission when recipients are younger than age 21 and meet the criteria for coverage.

Updates to Healthy Louisiana related systems and claims processing are plan specific and are the responsibility of each health plan. For questions regarding Healthy Louisiana updates, please contact the appropriate health plan. In addition, questions regarding legacy Medicaid should be directed to Molina Provider Relations at 1(800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.