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OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana (ABHLA) is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid Services Manual, and would like to remind providers to refer to these manuals when submitting claims. If the manual requires additional guidance impacting reimbursement, the details will be outlined by ABHLA in the Provider Manual or in a supporting reimbursement policy.

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), cervical or vaginal cancer screening (88141-88155, 88164-88167, 88174-88175) is not recommended to be performed annually for women 21 years of age or older as there is no advantage over performing screening at three-year intervals for average risk women.

In alignment with the [Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Manual](#), ABHLA does not cover cytopathology for cervical or vaginal screening for a Member less than 21 years of age unless the Member has specific medical history status meeting the following criteria:

- Was exposed to diethylstilbestrol before birth;
- Has human immunodeficiency virus;
- Has a weakened immune system;
- Has a history of cervical cancer; or
- Meets other criteria subsequently published by ACOG

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2017 and forward, ABHLA will not reimburse cervical cancer screening for women under 21 years of age, unless they meet the above criteria.

Providers of Members who meet any of the criteria above must submit hard copy supporting documentation with the claim. Required documentation includes but is not limited to:

- Initial abnormal Pap test result and subsequent abnormal Pap test results;
- History and Physical; and
- Procedure note.

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

Questions and Support:

For questions, please contact LAProvider@AETNA.com or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.