CommunityCARE Immunization Pay-for-Performance Initiative

Louisiana Medicaid implemented an immunization pay-for-performance (P4P) initiative which includes supplemental payments to providers. This initiative was implemented to promote up-to-date immunizations of Louisiana Medicaid eligible children and to increase the number of providers utilizing the Louisiana Medicaid eligible children and to increase the number of providers utilizing the Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide (LINKS) immunization registry.

Requirements to participate in this pay-for-performance initiative and receive supplemental payments include:

- the provider must be enrolled in Louisiana Medicaid as a CommunityCARE PCP;

- the provider must be enrolled in and utilizing the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program *(If KIDMED services including immunizations for recipients aged 19-35 months are contracted out, then the subcontractor must to be enrolled in and utilizing VFC. *If more than one subcontractor for these services, ALL subcontractors must be enrolled in and utilizing VFC)*;

- the provider must be enrolled in and utilizing LINKS. ‘Utilizing’ LINKS is defined as input of recipient immunization data into LINKS in the past 30 days. *(If KIDMED services including immunizations for recipients aged 19-35 months are contracted out, then the subcontractor must to be enrolled in and utilizing LINKS. *If more than one subcontractor for these services, ALL subcontractors must be enrolled in and utilizing LINKS)*;

- Providers must enter the social security number of Medicaid eligible children linked to the PCP for CommunityCARE into the LINKS record to ensure the child is correctly identified and included in the data for payment calculations.

CommunityCARE PCPs interested in participating in the immunization pay-for-performance initiative and receiving the supplemental payments will be required to register online by logging in to the secure webpage of the Medicaid website [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com).

Information required to complete this registration includes:

- CommunityCARE PCP Medicaid Billing Provider ID Number

- National Provider Identifier (NPI)

- VFC PIN Number

- LINKS Provider ID (IRMS Number)

- LINKS Facility Name *(Must match precisely as listed in LINKS)*

- All of the above information will also be required for any subcontractor of KIDMED services that provide immunizations (including the subcontractor’s Medicaid Billing Provider ID number). If the PCP does not have a VFC PIN, LINKS (IRMS) number, and LINKS Facility Name, then the PCP must have a
subcontractor(s) that is enrolled in VFC and LINKS and does have these VFC and LINKS identifiers. The PCP will be responsible for obtaining this information from the subcontractor and completing the information required at the time the PCP enrolls to participate in the pay-for-performance initiative.

- If **both** the PCP and any subcontractor(s) have the above VFC and LINKS identifiers, this information must be entered by the PCP into the respective **PCP Information** and **Subcontractor Information** screens of the P4P enrollment application.

**Note:** The enrollment and utilization status of VFC and LINKS will be validated monthly with the Office of Public Health Immunization Program for all CommunityCARE PCPs registered to participate in the immunization pay-for-performance initiative. Providers that are deemed not to have utilized VFC or LINKS for that month will not be eligible to receive a P4P payment for that month.

Supplemental payments will be dependent on:

- the CommunityCARE PCP (or subcontractor of KIDMED services) being enrolled in and utilizing VFC and LINKS;
- the percentage of 24 month old Medicaid enrolled children linked to the PCP practice that are up-to-date by 24 months of age with all childhood immunizations in the 4:3:1:3:3:1* vaccine series and these immunizations must be entered into LINKS; and
- the number of CommunityCARE linkages to the PCP for recipients under 21 years of age.

Payment calculations will be done on a monthly basis and payments of these monthly calculations will be made on a quarterly basis to the registered CommunityCARE PCPs. **Only** data that is in the LINKS immunization registry at the time of the monthly calculation for payments will be used.

Effective February 1, 2010, the supplemental payment tiers or levels for payment are as follows and will be calculated on a monthly basis:

- **$0.25 per Medicaid recipient under the age of 21 linked to the CommunityCARE PCP** if the PCP or subcontractor of KIDMED services is enrolled in and utilizing VFC and LINKS **AND** 50% to 74%† of the recipients aged 24 months old with CommunityCARE linkages to the PCP are up-to-date with the vaccine series 4:3:1:3:3:1* **or:**

- **$0.50 per Medicaid recipient under the age of 21 linked to the CommunityCARE PCP** if the PCP or subcontractor of KIDMED services is enrolled in and utilizing VFC and LINKS **AND** 75%† to 89%† of the recipients aged 24 months old with CommunityCARE linkages to the PCP are up-to-date with vaccine series 4:3:1:3:3:1*, **or:**

- **$1.00 per Medicaid recipient under the age of 21 linked to the CommunityCARE PCP** if the PCP or subcontractor of KIDMED services is enrolled in and utilizing VFC and LINKS **AND** 90%† or more of the recipients aged 24 months old with CommunityCARE linkages to the PCP are up-to-date with vaccine series 4:3:1:3:3:1*
NOTE: Providers participating in this initiative will only qualify for a single level of payment (e.g. Providers with an immunization rate of 82% will only qualify for the second level or tier payment – not both the first and second tier).

Additional information regarding this immunization pay-for-performance initiative will be provided through RA messages, Louisiana Medicaid Provider Update articles and provider notices posted on the www.lamedicaid.com website. Please watch these information sources for the most up-to-date information on immunization pay-for-performance.

For more information regarding the VFC Program or LINKS, contact the Office of Public Health Immunization Program at (504)838-5300.

For more information on the Immunization Pay-for-Performance Initiative, contact Unisys Provider Relations at (800)473-2783.

* ≥ 4 doses of DTaP; ≥ 3 doses of poliovirus vaccine; ≥ 1 dose of MMR vaccine; ≥ 3 doses of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine; ≥ 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine; and ≥ 1 dose of varicella vaccine.

† Percentages of up-to-date 24 month old recipients are determined solely by data from the LINKS immunization registry and the use of CoCASA software.