
CHAPTER 5: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Professional services are provided by, but are not limited to, physicians, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, physician assistants, audiologists, optometrists and other health care professionals. These services are provided within the licensed individual's scope of practice, as defined by Louisiana law, and are provided by or under the personal direction and supervision of a State Board licensed individual as authorized under Louisiana law.

This chapter is designed to offer the provider a description of Medicaid benefits in the professional services program and the policies relating to those benefits.

Some professional services may be subject to service limitations or prior authorization. These specific limitations or prior authorization requirements are detailed in the topic-specific policy.

Participation in Medicaid is voluntary. Licensed professionals seeking reimbursement for services provided to Medicaid recipients must be enrolled with Louisiana Medicaid and accept the Medicaid payment as payment in full for Medicaid covered services.

Louisiana Medicaid offers support via the internet and telephone. Professional service providers should refer to Appendix A of this chapter for various reference contacts and tools.