

# Provider Notification

Medicaid Provider Issue Resolution NEMT

## Aetna Better Health® of Louisiana

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#### **OVERVIEW:**

Per the Louisiana Department of Health's <u>Informational Bulletin (IB) 21-02 Revised 9/8/2021</u>, providers experiencing issues with claims related to transportation brokers, must first seek a resolution directly via the transportation broker rather than contacting Aetna Better Health of Louisiana, third parties, or the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).

Use the contact information below to contact our transportation broker to resolve transportation claims issues:

Kellie Cook Phone: 904-252-6869 Email: kellie cook@onecallcm.com

Phone: 877-375-0507, Option 2 – Claims Email: <u>GH ProviderPayment@onecallcm.com</u>

One Call Claims Escalation:

Carolyn Banks Phone: 201-286-2410 Email: <u>Carolyn Banks@onecallcm.com</u>

# Claim Appeal

Claim appeals must be received from the provider within 180 calendar days of the Remittance Advice paid date or the original denial date. A determination will be made by the broker within 30 days of receipt. Use the contact information below to submit requests in writing or by email:

Broker	By Fax	My Email/Online	By Mail
One Call	973-939-3894; use Subject Line: Appeal	GH ProviderPayment@onecallcm.com	One Call PO Box 896 Elk Grove, IL 60009-0896

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# Formal Complaints

The following resolution options are available for all issue types, including claims. Providers should use the following contact information for complaints and escalation of issues through ABHLA:

Escalation Type	Contact Information	
Formal Complaint	Phone: 1-855-242-0802	
	Email: LAProvider@aetna.com	
	Mail: Aetna Better Health of Louisiana	
	2400 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Suite 200	
	Kenner, LA 70062	
Management Level Contact	ment Level Contact   Stella Joseph, Manager of Appeal and Grievance	
	LAAppealsandGrievances@aetna.com	
Executive Level Contact	Richard Born, CEO	
	BornR@aetna.com	

# Formal Complaints through LDH

In the event a provider is not satisfied with the resolution or does not receive a timely response from ABHLA, the provider can contact LDH directly using the following contact information:

Email: Melanie.Doucet@la.gov or Justin.Owens@la.gov

**NOTE:** Include detailed information on all attempts to resolve the issue through ABHLA, as well as contact information (contact name, provider name, e-mail, and phone number) of ABHLA staff. This will allow LDH staff to follow up with any questions.

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## Independent Review

Providers may also use Independent Review in conjunction with the claim appeals options in this notification. This option is available for resolution of all claim disputes. The Independent Review process may be initiated after claim denial.

**NOTE:** Per House Bill No. 492 Act No. 349, an adverse determination involved in litigation or arbitration or not associated with a Medicaid enrollee shall not be eligible for independent review.

- The Independent Review process was established by La-RS 46:460.81, et seq. to resolve claims disputes when a provider believes an MCO has partially or totally denied claims incorrectly. An MCO's failure to send a provider a remittance advice or other written or electronic notice either partially or totally denying a claim within 60 days of the MCO's receipt of the claim is considered a claims denial.
- Independent Review is a two (2) step process which may be initiated by submitting an Independent Review Reconsideration Request Form to the MCO within 180 calendar days of the Remittance Advice paid, denial, or recoupment date. Request forms are available at <a href="http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2982">http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2982</a>.
- If a provider remains dissatisfied with the outcome of an Independent Review Reconsideration Request, the provider may submit an Independent Review Request Form to LDH within 60 calendar days of the MCO's decision. Request form available at the link below.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2018 there is a \$750 fee associated with an independent review request. If the independent reviewer decides in favor of the provider, the MCO is responsible for paying the fee. Conversely, if the independent reviewer finds in favor of the MCO, the provider is responsible for paying the fee.
- SIU post-payment reviews are not considered claims denials or underpayment disputes, therefore, SIU findings are exempt from the Independent Review Process.
- Additional detailed information and copies of above referenced forms are available at: <a href="http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2982">http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2982</a>

### Questions and Support:

For more information, please contact <u>LAProvider@AETNA.com</u> or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.