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To: All Aetna Better Health of Louisiana Providers

Date: November 15, 2019

Provider Notification: Health Plan Advisory 19-14: Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Testing

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana is writing to inform you of Louisiana Department of Health *Health Plan Advisory 19-14: Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Testing*.

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2019, Louisiana Medicaid will cover testing for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID). This will be part of the required newborn screening and will as such follow the newborn screening restrictions as indicated in policy. **This test will be reimbursable under the CPT code 81479.** This code is only to be used for SCID testing until a permanent procedure code is provided on the LA Medicaid Fee schedule.

Effective December 1, 2019, Aetna Better Health of will begin reimbursing CPT code 81479 at the rate of \$11.25 per the Louisiana Medicaid Laboratory and Radiology (non-hospital) Fee Schedule.

Any claims submitted and processed between November 1, 2019 and December 1, 2019 will be reprocessed to adjudicate appropriately.

If you are a provider who has held your claims for CPT code 81479, you may release those claims on or after December 1, 2019 for appropriate processing and payment.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Aetna Better Health of Louisiana Provider Relations by calling **1-855-242-0802**, and following the prompts.

Thank you,

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana