



Implementation of the New 2026 HCPCS Codes

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Note: This Informational Bulletin replaces Informational Bulletin 26-2.

The Louisiana Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) claims processing system will be updated to include the new 2026 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for services rendered on or after January 1, 2026. Providers can expect to see the new HCPCS procedure codes displayed on the Professional Services, Laboratory & Radiology, Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery (hospital and non-hospital), and other applicable fee schedules following the auto-refresh, date not identified yet.

Claims denied due to the use of the new 2026 codes prior to their addition to the claims processing system will be systematically recycled with no action necessary by the provider.

In compliance with Sections 2.18.9.3 through 12.18.9.5 of the Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Organization Model Contract:

- UnitedHealthcare will update our claims processing system to incorporate the 2026 HCPCS updates within 30 days of the published Louisiana Medicaid fee schedule(s).
- UnitedHealthcare will recycle any claims that were not paid in accordance with 2026 HCPCS updates within 15 days of completing the procedure file revisions.

For more information, please see [Implementation of Informational Bulletin 26-8 New 2026 HCPCS Codes](#).

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