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**Re: Louisiana Health Connections**
**Coverage for Bacterial Vaginosis Testing**

We want to inform you about an important update regarding coverage for Bacterial Vaginosis (BV) under Louisiana Health Connections (LHC) insurance plans.

Effective immediately, LHC **may cover** the treatment for Bacterial Vaginosis when it is deemed medically necessary. Medical necessity may be established with the presence of symptoms such as:

- Abnormal vaginal discharge
- Vulvovaginal itching, irritation, or redness (e.g., pruritus, erythema, edema)
- Painful sexual intercourse
- Painful urination
- Postcoital or contact bleeding

**The following DX codes may be payable by LHC for Bacterial Vaginosis and yeast infections:**

- **B37.31** – Acute candidiasis of vulva and vagina
- **B37.32** – Chronic candidiasis of vulva and vagina
- **L29.2** - Vulvovaginal itching
- **L29.3** – Pruritus vulvae or an intense itching sensation in the vulvar area
- **N76.0** - Acute vaginitis
- **N76.1** - Subacute and chronic vaginitis
- **N76.2** - Acute vulvitis
- **N76.3** – Subacute and chronic vulvitis
- **N77.1** – Vaginitis, vulvitis and vulvovaginitis in diseases classified elsewhere
- **N89.8** - Other specified noninflammatory disorders of the vagina

- **O23.00** - Infections of kidney in pregnancy, unspecified trimester
- **O23.01** - Infections of kidney in pregnancy, first trimester
- **O23.02** - Infections of kidney in pregnancy, second trimester
- **O23.03** - Infections of kidney in pregnancy, third trimester
- **O23.10** - Infections of bladder in pregnancy, unspecified trimester
- **O23.11** - Infections of bladder in pregnancy, first trimester
- **O23.12** - Infections of bladder in pregnancy, second trimester
- **O23.13** - Infections of bladder in pregnancy, third trimester
- **O23.20** - Infections of urethra in pregnancy
- **O23.21** - Infections of urethra in pregnancy, first trimester
- **O23.22** - Infections of urethra in pregnancy, second trimester
- **O23.23** – Infections of urethra in pregnancy, third trimester
- **O23.30** – Infections of other parts of urinary tract in pregnancy, unspecified trimester
- **O23.31** - Infections of other parts of urinary tract in pregnancy, first trimester
- **O23.32** - Infections of other parts of urinary tract in pregnancy, second trimester
- **O23.33** - Infections of other parts of urinary tract in pregnancy, third trimester
- **Z72.51** - High-risk heterosexual behavior
- **Z72.52** - High-risk homosexual behavior
- **Z72.53** - High-risk bisexual behavior
- **Z86.19** - Personal history of other infectious and parasitic diseases

Please note that LHC **will not cover** treatment requests for Bacterial Vaginosis in cases where the patient is **asymptomatic and pregnant**. Additionally, LHC **will not cover wellness diagnosis** codes Z01.411, Z01.419 or Z00.00. In these situations, patients will be responsible for the charges incurred. A signed ABN is necessary. This policy aligns with our clinical guidelines (Policy LA.CP.CG.33) regarding the management of BV during pregnancy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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