SECTION 5: BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

of the Professional Provider Office Manual

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For member eligibility, benefits or claims status information, we encourage you to use iLinkBlue (www.lablue.com/ilinkblue), our online self-service provider tool. Additional provider resources are available on our Provider page at www.lablue.com/providers.

This manual is provided for informational purposes only and is an extension of your Professional Provider Agreement. You should always directly verify member benefits prior to performing services. Every effort has been made to print accurate, current information. Errors or omissions, if any, are inadvertent. The Member Contract/Certificate contains information on benefits, limitations and exclusions, and managed care benefit requirements. It also may limit the number of days, visits or dollar amounts to be reimbursed.

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Louisiana Senate Bill 545 of Act 396, R.S. 22: 1007 (J) states that network providers will be reimbursed when there is a need to substitute a specific medication. This only applies to brand drug substitutions required by Louisiana Blue for which the provider executes the substitution. This does not apply to generic substitutions or Step Therapy Programs.

To receive reimbursement, the provider should submit the CPT code 99499 with Modifier TS appended. The use of this code must be supported in the member's medical records and is payable once per date of service to include all substitutions made. This fee is not applicable to nonparticipating providers. Claims submitted for this fee from providers who are nonparticipating will be rejected. There is no member cost share associated with this fee. The fee is subject to routine audit.