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District of Columbia

To: AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) Providers
Date: April 21, 2016
Subject: **LGBTQ cultural competency training now required**

Summary: District of Columbia Council introduced the LGBTQ Cultural Competency Continuing Education Amendment Act of 2015 that requires health care providers to have two (2) CE credits of LGBT cultural competency training.

Impact:

The LGBTQ Cultural Competency Continuing Education Amendment Act of 2015 (Amendment) amended existing health care legislation to require all DC health care providers to receive two Continuing Education (CE) credits of LGBT training. The Amendment requires that providers must receive two CE credits for instruction pertaining to “cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, queer or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (LGBTQ).”

Action Needed:

Providers must include two credits of the specified instruction to maintain licensure. For more information regarding LGBTQ cultural competency training, the following resources are available:

- <http://www.samhsa.gov/behavioral-health-equity/lgbt/curricula>
- <http://www.hhs.gov/programs/topic-sites/lgbt/enhanced-resources/competency-training/index.html>

Questions:

If you have any questions about this communication, please contact your AmeriHealth Caritas DC provider account executive or Provider Services at 202-408-2237 or 1-888-656-2383.