

## PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

# Improving HIV Screening Rates

### HIV/AIDS PREVALENCE IN LOUISIANA<sup>1</sup>



**#4** Louisiana ranks *fourth* in the U.S. for HIV case rates (19.0 per 100,000)

**#3** Louisiana ranks *third* in the U.S. for AIDS case rates (11.1 per 100,000)

### HIV SCREENING—A CRITICAL TOOL FOR REDUCING TRANSMISSION AND MAINTAINING HEALTH<sup>2</sup>

- Nearly 40% of new HIV infections are transmitted by people who don't know they have the virus.
- Studies show that the sooner people start HIV treatment after diagnosis, the more they benefit.
- People with HIV who take HIV treatment as prescribed and get and keep an undetectable viral load (or stay virally suppressed) will not transmit HIV to their sex partners.

### CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIV SCREENING

Providers can assist with improving Louisiana's HIV screening rates by normalizing screenings as part of routine health care. This practice supports early detection and allows the provider to promptly initiate coordination of treatment and educate the patient on practices to prevent transmission to others.

The Louisiana Department of Health promotes the following CDC recommendations around HIV screening:



#### HIV Screening for Everyone Ages 13 to 64

HIV screening for everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 at least once in their lifetime



#### HIV Screening During Pregnancy

HIV screening for all pregnant people, including those who present in labor or at delivery whose HIV status is unknown



#### HIV Screening for People with Higher Risk of Transmission

Annual HIV screening for people who engage in risk behaviors, including sharing needles, syringes, or other drug injection equipment, and unprotected anal or vaginal sex

### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

PROVIDER INCENTIVE	MEMBER INCENTIVE
<p><b>\$10 for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing: 86703</b></p> <p>Contact your Provider Engagement Administrator for additional details.</p>	<p><b>\$25 for Sexually Transmitted Disease screenings</b></p> <p>Must complete all three in the same calendar year: HIV 1 or 2 test, chlamydia screening, and gonorrhea screening</p> <p>One per member per year. No age restrictions.</p>

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR PRACTICE



Access our **HIV Screening Toolkit** for clinical best practices, printable patient info sheets, and more:

[LouisianaHealthConnect.com/provider-toolkits](https://LouisianaHealthConnect.com/provider-toolkits)