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Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC)

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Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive Policy Change

Effective April 14, 2019, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will no longer pay claims for long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) submitted by pharmacy providers. This includes all intrauterine devices (IUDs) and implantable contraceptives. The provider who inserts the IUD or implant must purchase the product, then bill for the product and the insertion procedure.

The MHD is aware that some providers currently have unused LARCs that were ordered from a pharmacy for MO HealthNet participants, but the patients for whom the contraceptives were ordered did not present to have the insertion. Providers should notify the MHD of these abandoned units by contacting Pharmacy and Clinical Services at (573) 751-6963. Requiring providers to buy and bill for LARCs will eliminate the abandoned unit issue that providers have been experiencing.

Under the provisions of Section 208.1070, RSMo, an abandoned unit prescribed to and obtained for a MO HealthNet participant may be transferred to another MO HealthNet participant provided the LARC:

1. Is in the original, unopened package;
2. Has been in the possession of the health care provider for at least twelve weeks. This may be waived upon the written consent of the original MO HealthNet participant to whom the LARC was prescribed;
3. Has not left the possession of the health care provider who originally prescribed the LARC; and
4. Is medically appropriate and not contraindicated for the MO HealthNet participant for whom the LARC is being transferred.

Purchasing LARCs

Providers may access the links below for information about purchasing LARC devices, including the 90-day line of credit offered by all manufacturers.

Paragard Access Center

hcp.paragard.com/ordering-paragard/paragard-access-center/

Liletta - Healthcare Professionals

www.lilettahcp.com/

Bayer Women's HealthCare (Kyleena, Mirena & Skyla)

www.whcsupport.com/

Merck Connect (Nexplanon)

www.merckconnect.com/nexplanon/coverage/ordering-nexplanon/

Non-Oral Contraceptive Fiscal Edit

The MHD has a Fiscal Edit in place to prevent duplicate billing of non-oral contraceptive products. The fiscal edit criteria are available at

dss.mo.gov/mhd/cs/pharmacy/pages/clinedit.htm under 'Non-Oral Contraceptives Fiscal Edit'.

Providers may login to CyberAccess to check a patient's history or contact the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 392-8030, option 3. Providers are responsible for checking the fiscal edit criteria to confirm their patient's eligibility for a LARC device, and for obtaining prior authorization, if needed, prior to administration.

Applicability

Managed Care enrolled providers should contact their Managed Care Organizations with questions regarding insertion procedure billing and reimbursement and should contact the MO HealthNet Pharmacy and Clinical Services at (573) 751-6963 with any other questions regarding LARC billing and reimbursement.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

**Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896**