

Provider Update

Long-acting reversible contraceptive device inventory and separate inpatient reimbursement

Summary: Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. members have the benefit of immediate postpartum placement of long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) devices (e.g., intrauterine devices and etonogestrel implants) during their inpatient delivery admission.

Made effective on April 1, 2016, payment for LARC devices and professional insertion fees are paid separately from the inpatient admission. Facilities and providers receive the same reimbursement as if the device were implanted on an outpatient basis.

To help ensure the devices are accessible to physicians and immediately available to patients who request this procedure, hospitals are encouraged to stock obstetrical units with the following LARC devices:

- Intrauterine copper contraceptive
- Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 13.5 mg
- Etonogestrel (contraceptive) implant system, including implant and supplies
- Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 52 mg, three-year duration
- Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 52 mg, five-year duration
- Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 19.5 mg, five-year duration

We appreciate your assistance in this endeavor and look forward to working with you to ensure the success of the program for your hospital and your patients.

What if I need assistance?

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