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[Name and title]

[Address]

[City, State ZIP Code]

**Subject: LARC device inpatient reimbursement**

Dear [Department chair name and title]:

Effective January 1, 2016, your hospital's Amerigroup\* credentialed obstetrical providers have the ability to meet patients' requests for immediate postpartum placement of long-acting, reversible contraceptive (LARC) devices.

As you are a valuable resource for the providers and nursing staff, we would like you to review key elements to help ensure the success of the program for your hospital and the patients you serve.

- We request hospitals stock LARC devices so they are readily available to providers and patients who request this service.
- The hospital will be reimbursed separately from the inpatient delivery admission for the device.
- The physician will also be reimbursed separately for professional services.
- Providers will submit claims for insertion using the same codes as if they were placed in the office setting. It is important they instruct their billing personnel to submit claims with hospital as the place of service.

We respectfully ask you to work closely with hospital administration to ensure the devices are securely stocked on the units so they are immediately available for your patients. Please advise providers of the contraindications and cautions around immediate postpartum LARC insertion.

We sincerely appreciate your partnership to provide options to improve our members' health.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Plan Medical Director

Medicaid Business

Enclosures: [Frequently asked document sent to providers]  
[Hospital billing communication sent to XX]  
[Hospital inventory communication sent to XX]

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