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**Subject: Long-acting, reversible contraceptive devices**

Department Chair:

Your hospital's credentialed obstetrical providers will soon 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 to review key elements that will ensure the success of the program for your hospital and the patients you serve.

- We requested 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 placed in the office setting. It is important they instruct their billing personnel to submit claims with the hospital as the place of service.

We respectfully ask that you work closely with hospital administration to ensure that the devices are securely stocked on the units so they are immediately available to 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 the health of our members.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: *Frequently Asked Questions*  
Hospital billing communication  
Hospital inventory communication