

Long-acting, Reversible Contraception Device Inventory and Separate Inpatient Reimbursement

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina offers Healthy Blue members the benefit of immediate postpartum placement of long-acting, reversible contraception (LARC) (intrauterine devices and etonogestrel implants) during their inpatient delivery admission.

What is the impact of this change?

Effective July 1, 2021, payment for LARC devices and professional insertion fees are paid separately from inpatient admissions. Facilities and providers receive the same reimbursement as if the device was implanted in an outpatient setting.

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

LARC devices

Intrauterine copper contraceptive, 10-year duration (ParaGard®)

Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 13.5 mg, three-year duration (Skyla®)

Etonogestrel (contraceptive) implant system including implant and supplies, three-year duration (Nexplanon®)

Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 52 mg, five-year duration (Liletta®)

Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 52 mg, five-year duration (Mirena®)

Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system, 19.5 mg, five-year duration (Kyleena®)

We appreciate your assistance in providing reliable contraceptive options for our members. We look forward to working with you to ensure the success of this program.

What if I need assistance?

For more information or if you have questions about this communication or need help with any other item, call Healthy Blue Provider Services at **1-844-594-5072**.

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