



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

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Makena Coverage Effective May 1, 2014

The Department sent the following announcement message to all Medicaid providers concerning the coverage of Makena for the prevention of preterm births effective May 1, 2014.

Prevention of premature delivery is one of the Department of Health and Hospitals' most important goals. In an effort to improve birth outcomes for Louisiana's Medicaid population, the Department has elected to provide coverage for Makena (hydroxyprogesterone caproate injection) through the Professional Services program effective with date of service May 1, 2014. Makena is covered under the physician's program when the following FDA approved indications are met:

- The patient's current pregnancy is a singleton
- The patient has a history of singleton spontaneous preterm birth less than 37 weeks of gestation
- Treatment should be initiated between the 16th and 20th weeks of gestation

Makena is not currently covered under the pharmacy program. Providers will be required to purchase Makena for their individual office stock. Medicaid will reimburse providers for Makena injections billed with HCPCS code J1725 and the appropriate number of units. Reimbursement for the administration of Makena follows standard Medicaid policy for injections found in the Professional Services manual located on www.lamedicaid.com. Reimbursement rates are located on the Professional Services fee schedule also available on the same website.

RHC/FQHCs must list the procedure code for Makena (J1725) as one of the detail lines when billing for an encounter (T1015-TH) for prenatal services on the same date of service as the administration of this medication. Reimbursement for the medication and its administration is included in the encounter rate.

17 Alpha-Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate (17P) remains covered and guidelines are available under the Training link on www.lamedicaid.com.

It is DHH's expectation that CHS and UHC will assist Medicaid providers in obtaining this information by posting it on the plan website. Additionally, plans should be prepared to answer provider telephone inquiries relative to the coverage of Makena.