



**Louisiana Department of Health  
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**Update to Medicaid Policy: Separate Reimbursement for Long-Acting Reversible  
Contraceptives in FQHCs and RHCs**

This advisory provides notification of a change in the reimbursement methodology for long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC). These providers will be reimbursed separately for the LARC device from the prospective payment system (PPS) rate to reduce barriers and increase access to the LARC device among Louisiana's Medicaid recipients.

Effective Jan. 1, 2019, FQHCs and RHCs are eligible for an add-on reimbursement for LARCs. Reimbursement shall be separate from the PPS rate for these providers and will be the lesser of the rate on file or the actual acquisition cost (AAC) for entities participating in the 340B program.

The Louisiana Department of Health expects the managed care organizations (MCO) will update their systems to accommodate the adjusted rates. Any previously paid claims at incorrect rates for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019 are eligible for reimbursement adjustment. All MCOs shall have completed their system updates to accommodate the rates changes along with publishing of written instructions to the providers on how to submit claims for adjustment no later than 60 days from the date of this advisory.

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