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**Billing and Ordering Guidance for Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs):
Intrauterine Devices (IUD) and Implants**

This bulletin provides billing and ordering information for long acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs): intrauterine devices (IUD) and implants in the inpatient and outpatient hospital setting. The ultimate goal is to remove barriers for women to access the most effective reversible contraceptives: intrauterine devices and implants.

Inpatient Postpartum LARC Insertion: Effective June 20, 2014, Louisiana Medicaid added coverage of intrauterine devices and implants, in addition to a hospital's per diem payment, for women newly postpartum, prior to discharge. The reimbursement for the LARC device is equal to the fee on the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) fee schedule. Hospitals should bill the claim for the LARC, separate from the inpatient stay, on the CMS 1500 claim form.

~~*LARCs Reimbursement Rate:* Effective Fall 2014 reimbursement rates for intrauterine devices and implants were increased to the current wholesale acquisition cost and the rate is adjusted each Jan. 1 to the current wholesale acquisition cost.~~

Outpatient Hospital Setting LARC Insertion: Louisiana Medicaid extended coverage of intrauterine devices, in addition to the outpatient hospital claim, when inserted in the outpatient hospital setting. Hospitals should bill the outpatient hospital claim on the UB-04 and the LARC device on the CMS 1500 claim form.

The MCOs have been instructed to promptly update their systems to allow payment for the LARC device on the CMS 1500 claim form for place of service 11 (office), place of service 19 (off campus-outpatient hospital), place of service 21 (inpatient hospital) and place of service 22 (on campus-outpatient hospital). Additionally, the MCOs have been instructed to recycle all denied claims by October 31, 2017 and to notify providers of their process and plans for recycling denied claims.

Hospitals should consult the DME fee schedule to see which LARCs are covered and their reimbursement amount. The chart below includes information for each of the five Health Plans in an effort to have a one-page document in order to simplify the various billing and ordering processes for providers.

