

July 2017

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

Dear Department Chair:

Effective October 25, 2017, your hospital's Amerigroup credentialed OB providers have the ability to meet patients' requests for immediate postpartum placement of long-acting, reversible contraception (LARC) devices during their inpatient delivery admission.

As you are a valuable resource for providers and nursing staff, we would like to review key elements of the program to help ensure success for your hospital and the patients you serve:

- We request hospitals stock LARC devices so they are readily available to providers for patients who request this service.
- Hospitals will be reimbursed separately from the inpatient delivery admission for the device.
- Physicians will be reimbursed separately for professional services.
- Providers should submit claims for insertion using the same codes as if they placed the LARC device in the office setting. Billing personnel should be instructed to submit claims with "hospital" as the place of service.

To help ensure LARC devices are available to physicians for patients who request this procedure, we respectfully ask you to work closely with hospital administration to ensure LARC devices are securely stocked in OB units. Please advise providers of the contraindications and cautions around immediate postpartum LARC insertion.

We sincerely appreciate your partnership to provide options to improve our members' health.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: *Long-Acting, Reversible Contraceptive Devices FAQ*  
Hospital billing communication  
Hospital inventory communication