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Dear Valued Provider:

Providers can prescribe and obtain long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) products that are on the Texas Medicaid and Texas Women's Health Program (TWHP) drug formularies from certain specialty pharmacies for women participating in Texas Medicaid and TWHP. LARC products are only available through a limited number of specialty pharmacies that work with LARC manufacturers.

Effective Jan. 1, 2016, Health and Human Services (HHS) implemented immediate postpartum LARC Medicaid benefit. LARC devices are available through both pharmacy and "buy and bill" medical benefits. Providers who prescribe and obtain LARC products through the specialty pharmacies listed will be able to return unused and unopened LARC products to the manufacturer's third-party processor. Prescribers must use the designated specialty pharmacies in order to utilize the LARC "buyback" program.

Hospitals may receive reimbursement for a LARC device in addition to the labor and delivery reimbursement when a LARC is inserted immediately postpartum. Hospital/facility providers must submit an outpatient claim with the appropriate procedure code for the contraceptive device in addition to the inpatient claim for the delivery services.

FQHCs and RHCs may receive reimbursement for covered LARC devices in addition to the encounter rate paid for the visit. When seeking reimbursement for an IUD or implantable contraceptive implant, providers must submit on the same claim the procedure code for the contraceptive device along with the procedure code for the encounter. The contraceptive device is not subject to FQHC limitations.

Providers can refer to the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual at the TMHP website for billing requirements under Section 2: Women's Health Services Handbook. For a list of specialty pharmacies available to dispense LARC products, please call Cigna-HealthSpring's Pharmacy Services Department at 1 (888) 671-7379. For additional questions contact Cigna-HealthSpring Provider Services at 1-877-653-0331.

Sincerely,



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