

LARC Billing Frequently Asked Questions

Prepared for FQHCs

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1. For women insured by Maryland Medicaid managed care companies (MCOs) (also termed Health Choice Maryland), if our organization offered Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs), would the devices and services be reimbursed?

Yes, all services related to birth control, including office visits, laboratory tests and contraceptive devices are covered, and will be reimbursed by all Maryland Medicaid MCOs. Please refer to pages 26-27 of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program OB/GYN Family Planning Provider Services and Billing Manual:

<https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/Documents/OB%20MANUAL%20March%20202012.pdf>

2. Intrauterine devices (IUDs) and subdermal implants (Nexplanon) are expensive contraceptive methods. How will our clinic cover the cost of the device?

The cost of the device is covered for those women who are insured by any Maryland Medicaid MCO and who seek services at an FQHC. Per the transmittal released June 6th, 2013, once the device is inserted into a patient, the FQHC may bill up to a certain amount, as listed per the transmittal:

<https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/Documents/PT%2022-13%20FQHC%20Transmittal%20No.%201.pdf>

Contact Earl Tucker at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (contact information on the Transmittal) if questions arise.

3. Our clinic buys medications through the 340b program to keep our costs low. Can we use 340b pricing to purchase LARCs?

Yes, you certainly can purchase LARCs at 340b prices. However, if you buy the device at this low rate, you can only bill the Medicaid MCO the cost of the LARC at the 340b price. If you obtain the LARC at the 340b price, and bill at the listed Transmittal price, this is considered fraud.

4. Billing and Coding for LARCs is complex. How do I know what codes to use?

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has compiled a "LARC Quick Coding Guide". This Guide will show you how to use the correct codes. Find this excellent resource here:

[http://www.acog.org/About ACOG/ACOG Departments/Long Acting Reversible Contraception/~media/Departments/LARC/LARCQuickCodingGuide.pdf](http://www.acog.org/About%20ACOG/ACOG%20Departments/Long%20Acting%20Reversible%20Contraception/~media/Departments/LARC/LARCQuickCodingGuide.pdf)

This and other coding guidance will be available in the near future on the B'more for Healthy Babies website.

5. How do I know the ACOG Quick Coding Guide above provides the codes that are reimbursed by Maryland Medicaid?

Providing the correct codes is important. The ACOG Quick Coding Guide does provide codes that will be reimbursed by Maryland Medicaid MCOs per the 2013 physicians fee schedule:

<https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/Provider%20Information.aspx>

6. ICD-9 Diagnosis codes will be out of date October 1, 2014. Are there corresponding ICD-10 codes yet?

Yes. The following ICD-9 codes were translated to ICD-10 codes per the American Academy of Professional Coders ICD-10 Code Translator:

<http://www.aapc.com/ICD-10/codes/index.aspx>

Here are a few codes that may be helpful. This is by no means an exhaustive list.

ICD-9 code: V25.09	=	ICD-10 code: Z30.09
ICD-9 code: V 25.5	=	ICD-10 code: Z30.49
ICD-9 code: V25.02	=	ICD-10 code: Z30.018
ICD-9 code: V25.43	=	ICD-10 code: Z30.49
ICD-9 code: V25.11	=	ICD-10 code: Z30.430
ICD-9 code: V25.13	=	ICD-10 code: Z30.433

Questions?

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