

DHS Responses to Public Comments Regarding State Plan Amendment 2021-0004 Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs); Physician 1-21 (08/27/2021-09/25/2021)

Nancy Allison, Practice Manager, Creekside Center for Women

On Behalf of OB/GYN Provider Medicaid Group #134004002

Comment: I am writing on behalf of OB/GYN Provider Medicaid group #134004002 in regards to the August 24, 2021 memorandum with the subject State Plan Amendment 2021-004 Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs); Physician 1-21. We were led to understand that Kyleena 19.5mg Levonorgestrel-Releasing Intrauterine Contraceptive System was also going to be added to the LARCs list that Arkansas Medicaid would reimburse for. Is there an update on that discussion or a date of when it may be added?

Response: Kyleena is included as part of this SPA. The language has been changed to clarify that *all* FDA approved IUDs and implants will be included.

William J Mazanec, PharmD, MBA, Account Executive

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Comment: The language in 243.500 Contraception

B Etonogestrel-Estrogen (contraceptive) Implant System

1. Medicaid covers the etonogestrel-estrogen contraceptive implant system, including implants and supplies.

NEXPLANON (etonogestrel implant)

Highlights of Prescribing Information

INDICATIONS AND USAGE section states NEXPLANON is a progestin indicated for use by women to prevent pregnancy. NEXPLANON is not an estrogen.

2. Intrauterine Devices (IUDs) and Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs)

Effective for claims with dates of service January 1, 2014 and after, the intrauterine device (IUD) is reimbursed based on one hundred percent (100%) of the manufacturer's list price as of April 15, 2011. Effective for claims with dates of service October 1, 2014 and after, the fifty-two milligrams (52) mg Levonorgestrel-Releasing Intrauterine Contraceptive System is reimbursed based on one hundred percent (100%) of the manufacturer's list price as of November 18, 2013. Effective for claims with dates of service October 1, 2014 and after, the 13.5 mg Levonorgestrel-Releasing Intrauterine Contraceptive System is reimbursed based on one hundred percent (100%) of the manufacturer's list price as of January 1, 2013.

NEXPLANON is a long-acting (up to 3 years), reversible, hormonal contraceptive method and if other LARCs are included in this section NEXPLANON should be included.

Response: Nexplanon is included as part of this SPA. The language has been changed to clarify that *all* FDA approved IUDs and implants will be included.

Dr. Timothy J. Bell

Comment: Please consider adding Kyleena into the approved Medicaid options/fee schedule for patients. This is a LARC (long-acting reversible contraception) as recommended by ACOG. This device has lower levels of hormone and a smaller size to the device that helps several patients that have suffered from cramps or who have never been pregnant, where a larger IUD may cause patient discomfort. Thank you for considering this added product.

Response: Kyleena is included as part of this SPA. The language has been changed to clarify that *all* FDA approved IUDs and implants will be included.

Brandee Litty, CPPM, Clinic Office Manager

On Behalf of Dr. Maureen Flowers and Dr. William Smith, BRMC Urology Clinic

Comment: I would like to request on behalf of both my OB/GYN's, Dr. Maureen Flowers and Dr. William Smith that Kyleena be added to the Medicaid fee schedule and ARKids. We serve a rural, low-income area, and we need to be able to provide adequate family planning to all our patients. Please consider adding Kyleena to the fee schedule, so that we are not limiting our patients' care.

Response: Kyleena is included as part of this SPA. The language has been changed to clarify that *all* FDA approved IUDs and implants will be included.