



Memo

To: Our Valued Providers
From: El Paso First Health Plans
Date: August 28, 2014
Re: LARC -Long Acting Reversible Contraception

Effective August 1, 2014, HHSC Vendor Drug added two long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) products to the Medicaid formulary. These products include Mirena (NDC 50419-0421-01) and Skyla (NDC 50419-0422-01) manufactured by Bayer.

These LARC products are treated as limited distribution products as they are only available through a limited number of pharmacies. Our limited network of Walgreens Specialty currently stocks Mirena and Skyla.

Manufacturers with these LARC products on the Medicaid formulary are required to offer a buy-back program. Buy-back, also known as Abandoned Unit Return, is a program offered by manufacturers that allows providers to return unused and unopened LARC products purchased through a specialty pharmacy back to the specialty pharmacy. When a provider returns an individual patient's unused and unopened LARC product to the specialty pharmacy, the specialty pharmacy will be required to reverse the claim for the LARC product. Information about Bayer's Abandoned Unit Return program is attached.

Walgreens Specialty Contact Information for Mirena/Skyla:
10530 John W. Elliot Drive
Suite 100
Frisco, TX 75033
Fax Number: 800-830-5292
Phone: 877-686-4633

LARC will remain a medical benefit and providers will continue to have the option to receive reimbursement for LARC as a clinician-administered drug.

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Attachments:
Abandoned Unit FAQ 270-37-0002-14 FINAL MARCOM
Abandoned Unit Return Form 270-011-0004-14 FINAL MARCOM

Forms located on El Paso First Website Forms Health Services Section <http://www.epfirst.com/ProvidersForms.html>