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FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services

RE: Prior Authorization Changes under the Maryland Contraceptive Equity Act
Effective January 1, 2018

NOTE: Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.

The purpose of this transmittal is to inform HealthChoice managed care organizations (MCOs) and providers of the new preauthorization and prescribing requirements effective January 1, 2018, for contraceptives in accordance with Maryland Insurance Article §15-148, also known as the Maryland Contraceptive Equity Act.

Six-month Supply of Prescription Contraceptives

Medicaid fee-for-service and HealthChoice MCOs must provide coverage for a single dispensing of a six-month supply of prescription contraceptives. This requirement does not apply to the first two-month supply of prescription contraceptive dispensed under the initial prescription or any subsequent prescription for a contraceptive that is different than the last contraceptive dispensed.



Preauthorization Limitations for Contraceptives

Medicaid fee-for-service and HealthChoice MCOs are prohibited from applying a prior authorization requirement for an intrauterine device (IUD) or implantable rod that is FDA-approved and obtained under a written prescription, unless the FDA has issued a black box warning (a warning on the prescription drug or device's label designed to call attention to serious or life-threatening risks).

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