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TO: Clinics
 Federally Qualified Health Centers
 OB/GYNs
 Managed Care Organizations
 Nurse Midwives
 Abortion Clinics
 Family Planning Providers

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

RE: Contraceptive Coverage Changes under the Maryland Contraceptive Equity Act Effective July 1, 2018

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

Effective July 1, 2018, the Medicaid Fee-For-Service Program and the HealthChoice managed care organizations (MCOs) will allow the single dispensing of up to a twelve-month supply of a contraceptive when ordered by a qualified practitioner. Senate Bill 774/House Bill 994, which passed during the 2018 Maryland Legislative Session, also rescinded a provision which previously allowed insurers to dispense only a two month supply for new family planning prescriptions.

As a reminder, the Fee-For-Service Program and the MCOs may not charge copays for any contraceptives and may not apply 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).

If you have any questions regarding this policy change, please contact:

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