



# Long-Acting Reversible Contraception Products

Medicaid and Healthy Texas Women Program prescribing providers may obtain long-acting reversible contraception products through a limited number of specialty pharmacies. More information is available at the Texas Vendor Drug Program website at <https://www.txvendordrug.com/formulary/formulary/long-acting-reversible-contraception-products>.

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## Long-Acting Reversible Contraception Products

### **Q1. How can providers prescribe long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) products for Medicaid and Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Program participants?**

Providers can prescribe and obtain long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) products that are on the Medicaid and HTW drug formularies from certain specialty pharmacies for women participating in either Medicaid or HTW. Providers can submit a completed and signed prescription request form, and the specialty pharmacy will dispense the LARC product (shipped to the practice address, care of the patient) and bill Medicaid or HTW.

Providers who prescribe and obtain LARC products through certain specialty pharmacies will be able to return unused and unopened LARC products.

Providers may also continue to obtain LARC products through the existing buy and bill process.

### **Q2. What products are available?**

The list of products is available on the Vendor Drug Program website. Additional products may be added to the Medicaid and HTW drug formularies in the future.

## Pharmacy Participation

### **Q3. Do providers need to enroll with specialty pharmacies to obtain LARC products?**

No, providers do not need to enroll with specialty pharmacies to obtain LARC products from one of the specialty pharmacies. Any provider that is currently enrolled with Medicaid or HTW may prescribe and obtain a LARC product and bill Medicaid or HTW for insertion of the LARC product.

### **Q4. Which pharmacies can dispense LARC products?**

Mirena or Skyla

Providers may obtain Mirena or Skyla from CVS CarePlus Specialty Pharmacy or Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy. These pharmacies ship statewide. Contact information is included below. For patients in managed care, please work with the patient's managed care organization (MCO) to determine which pharmacy should receive the prescription form. The MCO may be contracted with a single specialty pharmacy.

Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy  
Frisco, TX  
(800) 424-9002  
NPI 1851463087

CVS Caremark Specialty Pharmacy  
Fort Worth, TX  
(817) 336-7281  
NPI 1366551848

## Nexplanon

Providers may obtain Nexplanon from CVS CarePlus Specialty Pharmacy or Accredo Specialty Pharmacy. These pharmacies ship statewide. Contact information is included below. For patients in managed care, please work with the patient's managed care organization (MCO) to determine which pharmacy should receive the prescription form. The MCO may be contracted with a single specialty pharmacy.

CVS Caremark Specialty Pharmacy  
Fort Worth, TX  
(817) 336-7281  
NPI 1366551848

Accredo Specialty Pharmacy  
Irving, TX  
(972) 929-6800  
NPI 1073569034

## Paragard

Providers may obtain Paragard from Biologics, Inc. Specialty Pharmacy. This pharmacy ships statewide. Contact information is included below.

Biologics, Inc. Specialty Pharmacy  
C/O TWH Access Solutions  
(888) 275-8596  
Cary, NC 27513  
NPI 1487640314

### **Q5. Do these specialty pharmacies participating in the program cover the entire state?**

Yes, these pharmacies ship statewide.

## Obtaining LARC Products

### Q6. How do providers order a LARC product?

#### Mirena or Skyla

Providers can prescribe and obtain Mirena or Skyla as follows:

- 1) Providers must use Bayer's Mirena/Skyla Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form.
- 2) Enter the patient and prescriber information in the space provided on the Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form including the patient's pharmacy drug benefit and medical insurance information.
  - a) Ensure that all information is complete.
  - b) Include copies of the patient's pharmacy benefit and medical insurance cards.
  - c) Complete prescriber information and then photocopy the form for future use.
- 3) Complete the prescription section.
  - a) Indicate if Mirena or Skyla will be administered.
  - b) Indicate appropriate diagnosis code.
  - c) Sign the prescription.
- 4) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners should identify who their collaborative agreement is with if requested to write prescriptions in your state.
- 5) Have the patient read and sign the Patient Authorization section of the Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form.
- 6) Finalize the Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form.
- 7) Fax the completed Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form, including the Patient Authorization section, to CVS CarePlus or Walgreens using the fax numbers on the form. For patients in managed care, please work with the patient's health plan to determine which pharmacy should receive the prescription form. Prime Therapeutics is not currently enrolled with Medicaid and providers should not fax the form to this pharmacy at this time.

- 8) When CVS CarePlus or Walgreens receive the fax, the pharmacy will call the patient to confirm the patient's intent to receive an intrauterine device (IUD). This is done to limit potentially abandoned IUD units. The pharmacy will not mail the IUD to the provider until confirmation from the patient is received.

Mirena and Skyla are available through the medical benefit, and providers will continue to have the option to receive reimbursement for LARC as a clinician-administered drug.

## Nexplanon

Providers can prescribe and obtain Nexplanon as follows:

- 1) Providers must use Merck's Nexplanon Direct Service Request Form. Providers may request the form by contacting the Customer Support Center for Nexplanon (CSCN) at 1-844-NEX-4321 (1-844-639-4321).
- 2) At the top of the first page, check the Prescription Order box and select a specialty pharmacy (Accredo or CVS Health). For patients in managed care, please work with the patient's health plan to determine which pharmacy should receive the prescription form.
- 3) Complete the patient and prescriber information in the space provided on the Direct Service Request Form including the patient's pharmacy drug benefit and medical insurance information. Make sure to include copies of the patient's insurance card and prescription drug card.
- 4) Have the patient read and sign the Patient Authorization section of the Direct Service Request Form.
- 5) Ensure the physician signs both the Dispense as Written and Prescriber Signature lines and the appropriate diagnosis code is selected.
- 6) Fax the completed Direct Service Request Form to the CSCN at 1-844-232-2618.
- 7) The CSCN will forward the prescription to the specialty pharmacy you selected after confirming the benefits of the patient.

Nexplanon is available through the medical benefit, and providers will continue to have the option to receive reimbursement for LARC as a clinician-administered drug.

## Paragard

Providers can prescribe and obtain Paragard as follows:

- 1) Providers must use Teva's Patient Authorization Form and Patient Referral Form.
- 2) Print and have your patient complete the Patient Authorization Form.
- 3) Fax it to 1-855-215-5315 or email it to [tevawhas@biologicsinc.com](mailto:tevawhas@biologicsinc.com).
- 4) Print and complete the Patient Referral Form.
- 5) On the bottom, be sure to check the box next to "PARAGARD T 380A Qty: 1".
- 6) Fax it to 1-855-215-5315.
- 7) Upon receipt of your completed forms, Teva will send you written confirmation via fax.

Paragard is available through the medical benefit, and providers will continue to have the option to receive reimbursement for LARC as a clinician-administered drug.

### **Q7. How do providers bill for insertion of a LARC product?**

When a LARC product is obtained from a specialty pharmacy, the specialty pharmacy will bill Medicaid and HTW for the LARC product. Providers will continue to bill Medicaid and HTW for insertion of the LARC product.

For patients enrolled in Medicaid managed care, providers will bill the patient's managed care organization for the insertion of the LARC product. Please contact the patient's MCO for specific billing instructions.

For patients in traditional (fee-for-service, FFS) Medicaid and HTW, providers will bill HHSC's medical claims administrator for the insertion of the LARC product. In Traditional Medicaid and HTW, providers no longer have to bill procedure codes J7297, J7298, J7300, and J7301 with procedure code 58300 on the same day by the same provider to receive reimbursement for an IUD or for the insertion of an IUD. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

Providers may only bill for the LARC product if it was obtained through the buy and bill process.

**Q8. How quickly will devices be shipped after the pharmacy receives the request and verifies patient eligibility?**

Providers typically receive the product within one week from ordering, but this may vary depending on a variety of factors.

**Q9. Can providers continue to obtain LARC products through the buy and bill process?**

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

## **Medicaid Managed Care**

**Q10. Does this affect patients enrolled in Medicaid managed care?**

Yes, this option is available to providers with patients enrolled in Medicaid managed care.

**Q11. Will the Medicaid managed care health plans use the same pharmacies?**

Yes, health plans will use the same pharmacies as traditional Medicaid and HTW.

## **Buy-back Program**

**Q12. What is the buy-back (abandoned unit return) program?**

Bayer, Merck, and Teva offer abandoned unit return programs that allow a provider to return an abandoned LARC product. An "Abandoned Unit" is an unused and unopened Skyla, Mirena, Nexplanon, or Paragard shipped by one of the participating specialty pharmacies with a prescription label that includes an individual patient's name.

In order to be returnable, the LARC should be in its original packaging. The Skyla and Mirena box must be sealed and must be abandoned for at least 60 days (2 months) from date of dispense but no more than 210 days (7 months) past the fill date. The Nexplanon box must be sealed and must be abandoned for at least 120 days (4 months) from date of dispense but no more than 180 days (6 months) past the fill date. The original Paragard box must be sealed and must be abandoned for at least 90 days from shipment.

### **Q13. How does a provider return an abandoned unit?**

#### Mirena or Skyla

A provider may return an abandoned Mirena or Skyla unit as follows:

- 1) Complete the Bayer Abandoned Unit Program Return Form, available on the Texas Vendor Drug Program website.
- 2) Fax the Bayer Abandoned Unit Program Return Form to the dispensing specialty pharmacy for verification.
- 3) Wait for an authorization number and return mailing label from Genco, Bayer's third party processor.
- 4) Confirm that the specialty pharmacy identification number matches the ID number that is listed on the Genco return authorization form.
- 5) Package the unit in one of the cardboard boxes that the Skyla or Mirena was initially shipped in or a large envelope.
- 6) Mail the unit.

Only LARC products that were obtained through a specialty pharmacy can be returned through this program. For additional questions regarding Bayer's Abandoned Unit Return program refer to Bayer's FAQ document.

#### Nexplanon

- 1) Complete the Merck Abandoned Unit Program for NEXPLANON Return Form.
- 2) Fax the form to the specialty pharmacy for verification.
- 3) Wait to receive the return identification number from the specialty pharmacy and return mailing label and instructions, which will be provided by TeleRx, Merck's third-party processor.
- 4) Confirm that the specialty pharmacy return identification number matches the ID number listed in the return mailing label provided by TeleRx.
- 5) Package the unit in the box in which the NEXPLANON was originally shipped or other appropriately sized shipping box/envelope.
- 6) Mail the unit along with the Merck Abandoned Unit Program for NEXPLANON Return Form to Pharma Returns. A pre-paid shipping label and address will be provided by TeleRx.

Only LARC products that were obtained through a specialty pharmacy can be returned through this program. For additional questions regarding Merck's Abandoned Unit Return program refer to Merck's FAQ document.

## Paragard

- 1) Ninety days following shipment, a Paragard Access Solutions™ Specialist follows up with your office to confirm Paragard was placed in the intended Medicaid patient.
- 2) If the Paragard unit was not placed, the Specialist collects your email address to send you the FedEx return shipping label.
- 3) Place the original unused and unopened Paragard unit and original packaging with affixed prescription label into a shipping box. You can reuse the original shipping box.
- 4) Print out the FedEx return shipping label and ship the unused and unopened Paragard unit back to Paragard Access Solutions™ as soon as possible.

Only LARC products that were obtained through a specialty pharmacy can be returned through this program. For additional questions regarding Teva's Abandoned Unit Return program, please contact Paragard at 1-877-PARAGARD (727-2427).

**Q14. If a patient loses Medicaid or HTW eligibility before the prescribed LARC product is inserted, can the provider still insert the LARC product or does the LARC product have to be returned to the state? Can the provider bill the patient directly for the insertion in this scenario?**

If the patient was eligible for Medicaid or HTW on the date of service when the LARC product was prescribed and ordered, but the patient loses eligibility before the LARC product is inserted, the provider is not required to return the LARC product. If the patient is no longer eligible for Medicaid or HTW, the provider may insert the LARC device, but reimbursement for all care and services provided must be resolved between the provider and the patient.

If a provider accepts a patient as a private pay patient, the provider must advise the patient that she is accepted as a private pay patient at the time the service is provided and is responsible for paying for all services received. In this situation, HHSC strongly encourages the provider to ensure that the patient signs written notification so there is no question how the patient was accepted.

## **Additional Information**

### **Q15. Who can a provider call with questions?**

For questions related to obtaining a LARC product, please contact the specialty pharmacy.

- For people enrolled in traditional Medicaid and HTW:
  - TMHP provider help line at 1-800-925-9126
- For people enrolled in Medicaid managed care:
  - Refer to the person's health plan