



INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN

PHARMACY TIMES

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IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICES (INTRA-UTERINE DEVICE (IUDs) & SUBDERMAL IMPLANTS)

This communication provides important information regarding IEHP policy and criteria for all intra-uterine contraceptive devices (IUDs) and contraceptive subdermal implants. IEHP coverage will be based on FDA approved indication for the durations specified on the package insert. Providers should provide consultation, including efficacy, side effects, other contraceptive options and Members' responsibilities. IEHP will only cover one product at a time for the specified time duration. Once authorized, if the member fails to report back to providers office for insertion the member will NOT be able to request another product for the specified duration (please see table below). In the event the member fails to get the product inserted, please contact IEHP Pharmaceutical services immediately at 909-890-2049. IEHP Case Manager will attempt to contact the member directly and inform them of our coverage policies.

Drug	Type	Duration
Mirena (levonorgestrel)	IUD	Provides efficacy up to 5 years
Paraguard (copper)	IUD	Provides efficacy up to 10 years
Norplant (levonorgestrel)	Subdermal Implant	Provides efficacy up to 5 years
Implanon (etonogestrel)	Subdermal Implant	Provides efficacy up to 3 years

If you have any questions or comments regarding this change, please call IEHP Pharmaceutical Services Department at 909-890-2049.