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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 16-051  
FINAL

## **Medicaid Contraceptives Policy and Prescription Drug Supply Limits**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) proposed two changes to its contraceptives coverage policy. The first change was to allow oral contraceptives to be prescribed with a maximum supply of 12 months, increased from a maximum of 90 days. This increase to a 12-month supply for contraceptives is being filed with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services as State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-0019. The second change was to increase reimbursement rates for long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) by 20%. These changes have been made effective October 1, 2016 pursuant to Act 120 of the 2016 Vermont legislative session and in an effort to increase access to contraceptives.

Please note that at the closure of the comment period for this change (September 30, 2016), DVHA chose to expand the 12-month supply limit to include all prescription drugs for the purposes of extended travel outside the State of Vermont. This means that any Medicaid beneficiary travelling outside the State may receive up to a 12-month supply of prescription drugs. For extended travel, anything beyond a 90-day supply is subject to approval by DVHA's Medical Director.

### **Effective Date:**

October 1, 2016

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

The change to the supply limit is being made pursuant to 42 CFR §430.12(c)(1)(ii) under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

The LARC rate increase is being made pursuant to the Global Commitment to Health waiver, available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/global-commitment-to-health-1115-waiver-2015-documents>.

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid.

**Fiscal Impact:**

	<b>State Fiscal Year 2017</b>	<b>State Fiscal Year 2018</b>
<b>State</b>	\$11,908	\$15,903
<b>Federal</b>	\$14,240	\$18,952
<b>Total</b>	\$26,148	\$34,864

**Public Comment Period:**

August 31, 2016 – September 30, 2016

No comments were received.

**Additional information:**

The draft SPA provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA can be requested from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the DVHA website:

<http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>.