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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
Other Providers and Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare (FamilyCare) Coverage of Education and Consultation Related to Pharmacist-Authorized Furnishing of Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptives**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2024

PURPOSE: To increase access to contraceptives, members can now obtain them at the pharmacy counter without an individual prescription. Pharmacists are being notified of additional reimbursement available to furnish self-administered hormonal contraceptives to members without an individual prescription. This policy follows the NJ Department of Health Standing Order and the procedures and protocols jointly adopted by the NJ Board of Pharmacy (BOP) and the State Board of Medical Examiners (BME).

BACKGROUND: Self-administered hormonal contraceptives include oral contraceptive pills, hormonal contraceptive vaginal rings, hormonal contraceptive transdermal patches, and self-administered injectable hormonal contraceptives. According to the procedures adopted by the NJ BOP and the State BME, pharmacists must provide education and consultation at the initial dispensation and at three (3) months after providing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive to ensure safe use. Annual education and consultation are required thereafter, provided there is no change in the contraceptive formulation or method.

As a condition of furnishing self-administered hormonal contraceptives to members, pharmacists must complete a training program compliant with N.J.A.C. 13:39-14.7.

FamilyCare will reimburse an additional administration fee on pharmacy claims for these products when the claim indicates that education and consultation have been provided. These changes do not apply to the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled, the Senior Gold Prescription Discount, and the AIDS Drug Distribution Programs.

ACTION: **Effective for claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2024**, the NJ FamilyCare FFS Program will reimburse pharmacies **an additional administration fee of \$20.60** for providing education and consultation related self-administered hormonal contraceptives. Pharmacies will continue to receive the FamilyCare professional fee for dispensing these products.

Claiming Requirements

An additional administration fee will be reimbursed for pharmacy claims for self-administered hormonal contraceptive products when:

- The **NPI** on the New Jersey Department of Health **Standing Order** is reported as the prescriber NPI on the pharmacy claim.
- To report that a member education and consultation session has been provided, the pharmacy must report both a Submission Clarification Code (SCC) value of "10" (Field 420-DK) and a Professional Service Code value of "PE" (Field 440-E5) on the pharmacy claim.
- The provider must submit the SCC 10, the Professional Service Code and the Standing Order NPI to receive payment for the additional administration fee. Claims will be denied by Error Code 2357 if the Standing Order NPI is not included, and claims will pay without the additional administration fee if only the Standing Order NPI is provided without the other two fields.

Coverage Limitations

- Self-administered hormonal contraceptive prescriptions provided by the same pharmacy are valid for 365 days from the date reported on the pharmacy claim.
- Reimbursement for the additional administration fee for the initial and follow-up consultation and education sessions is limited to two times per twelve (12) months per member per pharmacy, if there is no change in product formulation. Error Code 2356 will deny payment of additional administration fee claims exceeding this limit.

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