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CLARIFICATION

Medicaid Contraceptives Policy and Prescription Drug Supply Limits

Policy Summary:

This SPA was approved by CMS. Below is the policy summary for submission.

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) proposed a change 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 was filed with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services as State Plan Amendment (SPA) #16-0019. This change has 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. As part of this amendment, DVHA is also allowing up to a 12-month supply of all prescription drugs for the purposes of extended travel outside the State of Vermont. For extended travel, anything beyond a 90-day supply is subject to approval by DVHA's Medical Director.

Effective Date:

Approved by CMS on March 21, 2017. Effective October 1, 2016.

Authority/Legal Basis:

The change to the supply limit was made pursuant to 42 CFR §430.12(c)(1)(ii) under the [Medicaid State Plan](#).

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period was August 31, 2016 – September 30, 2016. No comments were received.

Additional information:

Click here to view the GCR final policy for [16-051: Medicaid Contraceptives Policy and Prescription Drug Supply Limits](#).

Click here for the [updated State Plan](#) on the DVHA website.

The following State Plan pages were amended:

- Attachment 3.1-A, page 5a