

FAQ's for Arizona – Post Partum LARC

Will my hospital get paid for post-partum LARC when the procedure does not change my hospital's DRG reimbursement?

In many cases, yes. Effective October 1, 2016, AHCCCS reimbursement policy allows LARC devices to be billed and reimbursed outside the AHCCCS DRG payment. This means the hospital will receive its regular DRG payment plus an additional reimbursement for inpatient LARC. Some commercial payers also pay separately for inpatient post-partum LARC. Please check with your finance department.

How can I bill AHCCCS for inpatient LARC?

I have heard that I can only bill on the 1500, which is not part of my normal inpatient billing process. According to AHCCCS [DRG Payment Policies](#), as of October 1, 2016, hospitals may bill for LARC separately, outside the DRG billing, on a professional form 1500. In addition, because many hospitals had trouble billing inpatient services on the 1500, AHCCCS allowed hospitals to bill inpatient LARC on a separate outpatient form UB 04 beginning October 1, 2017.

Whether billing on the 1500 or the UB, AHCCCS has identified the following HCPCS codes as eligible for separate reimbursement. Claims submitted must include one of the following codes:

- J7296 - Levonorgestrel-Releasing Intrauterine Contraceptive System, 19.5mg
- J7297 Levonorgestrel-Releasing Intrauterine Contraceptive System, 52mg, 3 Year Duration
- J7298 Levonorgestrel-Releasing Intrauterine Contraceptive System, 52 Mg, 5 Year Duration
- J7300 Intrauterine Copper Contraceptive
- J7301 Levonorgestrel-Releasing Intrauterine Contraceptive System, 13.5 Mg
- J7307 Etonogestrel (Contraceptive) Implant System, Including Implant And Supplies

What are the standard AHCCCS hospital rates for LARC?

AHCCCS rates for LARC can be found on the [Outpatient Fee-Schedule](#), which is updated annually. While AHCCCS health plans (managed care organizations) are not required to match the AHCCCS fee schedule, most base their reimbursement on some percentage of the AHCCCS fee schedule. Your hospital's contract will specify their health plan rates.

AHCCCS reimbursement is never sufficient to cover my costs. When will they increase rates?

AHCCCS recently established a 10% rate increase for hospital reimbursement (both inpatient and outpatient) for LARC for claims dates of service between October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. For hospitals subject to APR-DRG reimbursement (AHCCCS Provider Type 02), AHCCCS has increased both its fee-for-service and managed care rates for the following codes (billed on the 1500 or UB-04):

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How do other insurance companies cover LARC?

Coverage varies by insurance company, but some insurers do pay separately for inpatient post-partum LARC. Your hospital's individual contracts with payers will detail the method of reimbursement.

What are some things I should consider if I want to start performing post-partum LARC? Are there resources available to help me?

Affirm (formerly Arizona Family Health Partnership) provides resources for clinicians who are interested in learning more about post-partum LARC and opportunities to provide it within their practice. Affirm can also facilitate connections with clinicians who have experience in post-partum LARC.

Please contact Affirm at bthomas@affirmaz.org or at 602.258.5777 if you have any questions.

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