



Provider Update

This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.

Changes to Maryland Contraceptive Equity Act Take Effect July 1, 2018

Effective July 1, 2018, Priority Partners will allow the single dispensing of up to a 12-month supply of a contraceptive when ordered by a qualified provider.

Senate Bill 774/House Bill 994, which passed during the recent Maryland legislative session, also overturned previous legislation that allowed insurers to dispense a two-month supply of contraceptives for new family planning prescriptions. This previous legislation had been intended to ensure that the medication is well-tolerated and effective for the patient before prescribing a long-term dosage. The new Maryland bills eliminate the two-month supply and state that only a 12-month supply of contraceptives can be dispensed in a single prescription.

Priority Partners does not charge a copay for any contraceptives and may not require prior authorization for an intrauterine device (IUD) or implantable rod that is FDA-approved and obtained under a written prescription, unless the FDA has issued a black box warning (a warning on the prescription drug or device's label designed to call attention to serious or life-threatening risks).

Please contact the JHHC Provider Relations department at 1-888-895-4998 with any questions or concerns.