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UPDATE: EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE

Both Prescription and OTC Emergency Contraception is a Covered Benefit for all Medicaid Fee-for-Service and Managed Care enrollees.

In accordance with Title 18 of NYCRR 505.3, non-prescription (Over-the-Counter, OTC) emergency contraceptive drugs can be obtained without a written order from a practitioner.

Effective March 1, 2017, NYS Medicaid has eliminated age restrictions when dispensing non-prescription emergency contraceptive drugs without a written order, per FDA guidelines:

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm358082.htm>

Prescription-only contraceptive drugs continue to require a practitioner order.

FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBLE FEMALES, A FISCAL ORDER OR PRESCRIPTION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR NON-PRESCRIPTION (OTC) EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION.

LIMITED TO 6 COURSES OF THERAPY IN A 12 MONTH PERIOD

Medicaid Fee for Service Billing

When dispensing these products without a written/electronic/oral order, the prescriber identification field for pharmacy claims may be left blank and the claim will still be processed.

Managed Care Plan Billing

To obtain billing contact information for a specific plan, as well as a link to their general pharmacy benefit information, go to the following site:

<http://mmcdruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/> and click on the plan's name.