



Texas Medicaid/CHIP Vendor Drug Program Long-acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Frequently Asked Questions

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For more information: TxVendorDrug.com/formulary/larc.shtml

Q1. How can providers prescribe long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) products for Medicaid and Texas Women's Health Program (TWHP) participants?

Starting August 1, 2014, providers can prescribe and obtain long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) products that are on the Texas Medicaid and TWHP drug formularies from certain specialty pharmacies for women participating in Texas Medicaid and TWHP. Providers can submit a completed and signed prescription request form, and the specialty pharmacy will dispense the LARC product (shipped to the practice address, c/o the patient) and bill Medicaid or TWHP.

Providers who prescribe and obtain LARC products through certain specialty pharmacies will be able to return unused and unopened LARC products.

Providers may also continue to obtain LARC products through the existing buy and bill process.

Q2. What products are available?

As of August 1, 2014, the following products are available:

- Mirena® (NDC 50419-0421-01)
- Skyla® (NDC 50419-0422-01)

More LARC products may be added to the Texas Medicaid and TWHP drug formularies in the future.

Q3. Do providers need to enroll with specialty pharmacies to obtain LARC products?

No, providers do not need to enroll with specialty pharmacies to obtain LARC products from one of the specialty pharmacies. Any provider that is currently enrolled with Texas Medicaid or TWHP may prescribe and obtain a LARC product and bill Texas Medicaid or TWHP for insertion of the LARC product.

Q4. What pharmacies can dispense LARC products?

As of August 1, 2014, providers may obtain Mirena or Skyla from CVS CarePlus Specialty Pharmacy or Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy. Providers will fax the prescription form to the pharmacy's fax number listed on the prescription form. These pharmacies ship statewide. Contact information is included below. For patients in managed care, please work with the patient's managed care organization (MCO) to determine which pharmacy should receive the prescription form. The MCO may be contracted with one or all of these specialty pharmacies.

Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy



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Frisco, TX
(800) 424-9002
NPI 1851463087

CVS CarePlus Specialty Pharmacy
Houston, TX
(713) 383-0591
NPI 1801905385

CVS CarePlus Specialty Pharmacy
Fort Worth, TX
(817) 882-8694
NPI 1366551848

More specialty pharmacies may be added in the future.

Q5. Do the three specialty pharmacies participating in the program cover the entire state?

Yes, these pharmacies ship statewide.

Q6. How do providers order a LARC product?

As of August 1, 2014, providers can prescribe and obtain Mirena® or Skyla® as follows:

1. Providers must use Bayer's Mirena/Skyla Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form. It can be located at http://hcp.mirena-us.com/assets/prescription_request_form.pdf
2. Enter the patient and prescriber information in the space provided on the Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form including the patient's pharmacy drug benefit and medical insurance information.
 - Please ensure that all information is complete.
 - Include copies of the patient's pharmacy benefit and medical insurance cards.
 - Complete prescriber information and then photocopy the form for future use.
3. Complete the prescription section.
 - Indicate if Mirena® or Skyla® will be administered.
 - Indicate appropriate diagnosis code.
 - Sign the prescription.
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners should identify who their collaborative agreement is with if requested to write prescriptions in your state.
4. Have the patient read and sign the Patient Authorization section of the Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form.
5. Finalize the Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form.
6. Fax the completed Specialty Pharmacy Prescription Request Form, including the Patient Authorization section, to CVS CarePlus or Walgreens using the fax numbers on the form. For



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patients in managed care, please work with the patient's health plan to determine which pharmacy should receive the prescription form. Prime Therapeutics is not currently enrolled with Texas Medicaid and providers should not fax the form to this pharmacy at this time.

7. When CVS CarePlus or Walgreens receive the fax, the pharmacy will call the patient to confirm the patient's intent to receive an intrauterine device (IUD). This is done to limit potentially abandoned IUD units. The pharmacy will not mail the IUD to the provider until confirmation from the patient is received.

More LARC products may be added to the Texas Medicaid and TWHP drug formularies in the future. Instructions on how to prescribe and obtain additional products will be provided at that time.

- Q7. How do providers bill for insertion of a LARC product?

When a LARC product is obtained from a specialty pharmacy, the specialty pharmacy will bill Texas Medicaid and TWHP for the LARC product. Providers will continue to bill Texas Medicaid and TWHP for insertion of the LARC product.

For patients enrolled in Medicaid managed care, providers will bill the patient's managed care organization for the insertion of the LARC product. Please contact the patient's MCO for specific billing instructions.

For patients in Traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service) and TWHP, providers will bill HHSC's medical claims administrator for the insertion of the LARC product. In Traditional Medicaid and TWHP, providers no longer have to bill procedure codes J7300, J7301, and J7302 with procedure code 58300 on the same day by the same provider to receive reimbursement for an IUD or for the insertion of an IUD. For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

Providers may only bill for the LARC product if it was obtained through the buy and bill process.

- Q8. How quickly will devices be shipped after the pharmacy receives the request and verifies patient eligibility?

Providers typically receive the product within one week from ordering, but this may vary depending on a variety of factors.

- Q9. Will Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) also participate?

Yes, this option is available to providers with patients enrolled in Medicaid managed care.

- Q10. Will the MCOs use the same pharmacies?

Yes, as of August 1, 2014, the MCOs will use the same pharmacies as Traditional Medicaid and TWHP. Providers should work with the patient's MCO to determine which pharmacy should receive the prescription form.



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Q11. What is the buy-back (abandoned unit return) program?

Bayer offers an abandoned unit return program that allows a provider to return an abandoned LARC product. An “Abandoned Unit” is an unused and unopened Skyla® or Mirena® shipped by one of the participating specialty pharmacies with a prescription label that includes an individual patient’s name. In order to be returnable, the Skyla® or Mirena® should be in its original packaging. The original box must be sealed and must be abandoned for at least 120 days (4 months) from date of dispense but no more than 180 days (6 months) past the fill date.

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Q12. How does a provider return an abandoned unit?

A provider may return an abandoned Mirena® or Skyla® unit that was prescribed on or after August 1, 2014, as follows:

1. Complete the Bayer Abandoned Unit Program Return Form, available on the Vendor Drug Program website at TxVendorDrug.com/formulary/larc.shtml.
2. Fax the Bayer Abandoned Unit Program Return Form to the dispensing specialty pharmacy for verification.
3. Wait for an authorization number and return mailing label from Genco, Bayer's third party processor.
4. Confirm that the specialty pharmacy identification number matches the ID number that is listed on the Genco return authorization form.
5. Package the unit in one of the cardboard boxes that the Skyla® or Mirena® was initially shipped in or a large envelope.
6. Mail the unit.

Only LARC products that were obtained through a specialty pharmacy can be returned through this program. For additional questions regarding Bayer's Abandoned Unit Return program, please refer to Bayer's FAQ document located at TxVendorDrug.com/formulary/larc.shtml.

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Q13. If a patient loses Medicaid or TWHP eligibility before the prescribed LARC product is inserted, can the provider still insert the LARC product or does the LARC product have to be returned to the state? Can the provider bill the patient directly for the insertion in this scenario?

If the patient was eligible for Medicaid or TWHP on the date of service when the LARC product was prescribed and ordered, but the patient loses eligibility before the LARC product is inserted, the provider is not required to return the LARC product. If the patient is no longer eligible for Medicaid or TWHP,



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the provider may insert the LARC device, but reimbursement for all care and services provided must be resolved between the provider and the patient.

If a provider accepts a patient as a private pay patient, the provider must advise the patient that she is accepted as a private pay patient at the time the service is provided and is responsible for paying for all services received. In this situation, HHSC strongly encourages the provider to ensure that the patient signs written notification so there is no question how the patient was accepted.

Q14. Who can a provider call with questions?

For questions related to obtaining a LARC product, please contact the specialty pharmacy. Further questions may be directed to the patient's health plan or the TMHP provider help line for Fee-For-Service or Texas Women's Health Program patients at 1-800-925-9126.

Q15. Can providers continue to obtain LARC products through the buy and bill process?

Yes, LARC products will remain a medical benefit and providers will continue to have the option to receive reimbursement for LARC as a clinician-administered drug.