

CHAPTER 8  
SECTION 22.1

## FAMILY PLANNING

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### I. POLICY

Family planning benefits may be cost-shared as specifically listed below:

- A. Surgical insertion, removal, and replacement of intrauterine devices.
- B. Measurement for, and purchase of, contraceptive diaphragms (and remeasurement and replacement).
- C. Prescription contraceptives.
- D. Surgical sterilization.
- E. Effective December 12, 1990, the Norplant System Contraceptive Device (11975-11976) is a covered benefit. Norplant System is a long-term (up to 5 years) reversible contraceptive system. The birth control device consists of six thin, flexible silicone capsules filled with a synthetic progestin hormone that are implanted under the skin in a woman's upper arm. The capsules are implanted under local anesthetic on an outpatient basis, in the physician's office. The device continuously releases tiny doses of hormones.
  - 1. According to package labeling, the capsules will be removed at any time for any reason. The removal should be done upon request by the patient or at the end of 5 years of usage.
  - 2. The device is allowed at Blue Book price and a prevailing fee has been established for insertion and removal of the device.
- F. Effective October 29, 1992, Depo-Provera injections for birth control.

### II. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Refer to [Chapter 1, Section 10.2](#), for guidelines related to screening and diagnostic PAP tests.

### III. EXCLUSION

The family planning benefit does not include screening PAP smear tests, routine gynecologic examinations, including related laboratory testing. However, family planning benefits may be allowed during an office visit for a screening PAP test.

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