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Market: All VA risk business, grandfathered
and non-grandfathered

Access to Dispensing of Prescription Hormonal Contraceptives up to a 12-Month Supply Effective January 1, 2018

Based on The Contraceptives Amendment Act (VA HB2267), we want to make you aware of the benefit changes on contraceptive services. The legislation requires health care insurers to provide coverage for a covered prescription hormonal contraceptive for a single dispensing of up to 12-month supply for covered, FDA approved, prescription contraceptives at an in-network pharmacy. The hormonal contraceptive must be prescribed by an authorized provider.

Effective date

The Act is effective January 1, 2018 upon renewal, for all new and existing Virginia risk accounts with contraceptive coverage.

Markets impacted

All Virginia risk business, including both grandfathered and non-grandfathered groups.

Key notes

- The following statements apply only to a single dispensing of up to a 12-month supply of FDA approved, **prescription** contraceptives portion of the mandate:
 - Barrier methods, such as over-the-counter spermicides, are *out* of scope.
 - **Important: The prescribing provider *must* indicate on the script if a 12-month supply should be dispensed *all at one time*.**
- The Act applies to risk business domiciled in Virginia; accordingly, employees of Virginia-based groups are eligible to receive the 12-month supply regardless of where the employee resides.
- The Act does not apply to providers outside of the United States.

Should you have any questions, please contact your broker sales representative.

Sincerely,



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