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Massachusetts ACCESS Law – Dispensing a 12-month Supply of Contraception to Eligible MassHealth Members

Under the Massachusetts ACCESS law, M.G.L. c. 118E, § 10K, eligible MassHealth members may receive up to a 12-month supply of birth control in a single pharmacy visit with no member cost sharing.

Contraceptive methods covered under the ACCESS law that can be dispensed in a 12-month supply include the following.

- Oral contraceptives
- Transdermal patches
- Vaginal rings
- Injectable contraception

To reduce potential medication waste, members newly starting a contraceptive method generally receive an initial 3-month trial before becoming eligible for a 12-month supply.

Reasons why claims for a 12-month supply of contraception may not pay at the pharmacy include the following.

- The member recently filled contraception, and it is too soon to refill the prescription. If the early refill is medically necessary, the pharmacy may contact the MassHealth Drug Utilization Review Program for an override at (800) 745-7318.
- The prescription does not contain sufficient refills or prescribed quantity to dispense a 12-month supply. Pharmacies are encouraged to contact the prescriber for a new prescription with sufficient quantity to fill a 12-month supply.
- The member's primary insurance coverage does not allow a 12-month supply. Pharmacies are required to comply with the primary insurer's claim requirements.

MassHealth also permits pharmacists to dispense up to a 12-month supply of over-the-counter norgestrel 0.075 mg tablets (Opill®) with no member cost sharing through a statewide standing order. Please see [Pharmacy Facts #240](#) or refer to M.G.L. c. 118E, § 83 for further information on this [standing order](#).