

# Provider Network News

## Policy Regarding Health Benefit Plan Coverage of Prescription Contraceptive Drugs Finalized

PCHP would like to bring your attention to an important legislative update regarding the implementation of HB 916, 88th Legislature, in Texas Medicaid. The bill amended Section 1369.102 of the Texas Insurance Code to require health benefit plans, including Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), to make it easier for Medicaid members to obtain covered prescription contraceptives. As of January 1, 2024, HB 916 will be implemented and will require MCOs providing prescription contraceptive coverage, including the Medicaid and CHIP coverage programs, to provide enrollees with:

- a three-month supply of a covered contraceptive drug at one-time, the first time an enrollee obtained the drug; and
- a 12-month supply of the same contraceptive drug at one-time, each subsequent time the enrollee obtained the drug, regardless of whether the enrollee was enrolled in the plan the first time the enrollee obtained the drug. Under the bill, an enrollee could obtain only one 12-month supply of a covered contraceptive drug during each 12-month calendar year.

\* Clinically administered contraceptives are not applicable

For further detail, please see the [HHSC Vendor Drug Program's Policy Guidance: Policy Regarding Health Benefit Plan Coverage Of Prescription Contraceptive Drugs Finalized, Implements Jan. 2024 | Vendor Drug Program \(txvendordrug.com\)](https://www.txvendordrug.com)

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