

Over the counter contraception for Apple Health clients

Apple Health (Medicaid) covers over the counter (OTC) contraception, including most emergency contraception, with or without a prescription for clients. An adjudicated pharmacy claim is required for reimbursement.

How do I bill for OTC contraceptives?

To bill the OTC contraceptives, pharmacies must follow the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) standard and use the national drug code (NDC) or universal product code (UPC) found on the package. A prescription for OTC contraceptives is not required. When there is no prescription, use the following in the prescriber’s name and NPI fields:

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| Pharmacy or pharmacist NPI | Prescriber name: OTC PRODUCT Prescriber NPI: 5123456787 | Prescriber name: Contraceptive DSHS Prescriber NPI: 5123456787 | Pharmacy NPI | Prescriber name: OTC PRODUCT Prescriber NPI: 5123456787 | Pharmacist NPI |

What OTC contraceptives are covered?

Only products that are included in the health plan’s pharmacy system database are covered. For a list of covered OTC birth control products, see the [Apple Health covered OTC contraceptive list](#).

Does this include emergency contraception (morning after pill)?

Yes, emergency contraceptives are covered.

Are there limitations on OTC contraception?

No, there are no limits on age, quantity, or frequency.

Additional information

For more information to help patients find the birth control that’s right for them, visit [the Department of Health birth control and emergency contraception page](#).

Contact

For questions, contact your patient’s [health plan](#) or email applehealthpharmacypolicy@hca.wa.gov.