

191—35.39(514C) Contraceptive coverage.

35.39(1) A carrier that provides benefits for outpatient prescription drugs or devices shall provide benefits for prescription contraceptive drugs or prescription contraceptive devices which prevent conception and are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or generic equivalents approved as substitutable by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

35.39(2) A carrier is not required to provide benefits for over-the-counter contraceptive drugs or contraceptive devices that do not require a prescription for purchase.

35.39(3) A contraceptive drug or contraceptive device does not include surgical services intended for sterilization, including, but not limited to, tubal ligation or vasectomy.

35.39(4) A carrier shall be required to provide benefits for services related to outpatient contraceptive services for the purpose of preventing conception if the policy or contract provides benefits for other outpatient services provided by a health care professional.

35.39(5) If a carrier does not provide benefits for a routine physical examination, the carrier is not required to provide benefits for a routine physical examination provided in the course of prescribing a contraceptive drug or contraceptive device.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 514C.

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