



Covered Benefit: Women's Care Services

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Definition:

Women's Care Services involve the diagnosis and treatment of the female reproductive system. Services include routine gynecological exams, family planning, sterilization, routine laboratory tests, and contraceptives (see Neighborhood formulary for more information).

Benefit Packages: RItE Care, Substitute Care, Children with Special Health Care Needs, and Rhody Health Partners.

Coverage Limitations:

Sterilization procedures and hysterectomies¹ require prior authorization.

Termination of pregnancy (abortion) is conditionally covered in cases of rape, incest, or if the pregnancy causes a significant threat to the mother's life; prior authorization is required.

Exclusions: Excluded services (non-covered) include all services for:

1. Infertility treatment including pharmaceuticals
2. Reversal of voluntary sterilization
3. Gender reassignment surgery

Extended Family Planning (EFP) members have a restricted benefit package that has a more limited scope of services than stated here.

Coverage Includes:

- One gynecological annual exam, including a Pap smear, and up to three gynecology or family planning visits per year.
- Services as medically necessary to treat illness and health conditions.
- Oral contraceptives, contraceptive patches, intrauterine devices (IUDs), Depo-Provera, cervical caps, diaphragms, over-the-counter family planning supplies including foam, condoms, spermicidal jelly or cream and sponges, Norplant or IUD insertion and removal as covered per the Neighborhood formulary.
- Emergency contraceptive pills

¹ State and federal guidelines must be met for sterilization and hysterectomy informed consent.



Episodes of care can occur across multiple settings; the following are included in the detailed benefit service category criteria:

Professional (POS 11)
Inpatient (POS 21)
Outpatient (POS 22)
Ambulatory Surgical Center (POS 24)
Federally Qualified Health Center (POS 50)

Notes:

Refer to the Preventative Screening Benefit Coverage Summary for information regarding mammography screening.

The majority of contraceptives are delivered at retail pharmacies. Please refer to the Neighborhood formulary for more information.

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