Medicaid reimbursement policy?

Origin of the Project
3 years later....

• UNMH remained the only hospital providing LARC and “successfully” billing Medicaid outside of the DRG for childbirth.
Funding!

- One-year funding award
- Deliverables:
  - IPP LARC Implementation Toolkit
  - Hands-on clinical & administrative training in 3-5 hospitals working towards implementation
  - Collaboration with state and advocacy partners on policy & strategy
The Toolkit

- Billing & Coding
- Clinical Templates
- Patient Counseling Resources
- Clinical Evidence Resources
- 3 Stage LARC Implementation Guide by role/department
  - Clinical
  - Pharmacy
  - Finance
  - IT
Training

- Clinical
  - Hands-on IUD insertion practice with Mama-U model
  - Counseling & Consent
  - Review of current evidence
  - In-service for nursing/lactation
Training

- Administrative
  - Billers, Coders, Pharmacy, IT
  - Review of system requirements
  - Institution specific planning and follow-up
  - Specific guidance on implementation stages & troubleshooting
Hospitals implementing IPP LARC

- Gila Regional Medical Center, Silver City
- Northern Navajo Medical Center, Shiprock
- Española Hospital
- Gallup Indian Medical Center
- Memorial Medical Center, Las Cruces
- (Insert your hospital here....)
Policy

- State-wide LARC working group
- Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
  - Cohort 1: Increasing Access to Contraception Learning Community
- NIRH LARC Project Learning Collaborative
- Medicaid reimbursement policy
Challenges

- Complex histories of reproductive coercion affecting some NM communities
- Lack of community familiarity with immediate postpartum LARC
- Rural clinical environment
- Political and policy uncertainty
- Difficulty in anticipating billing challenges until they occur
- Stocking LARC
Opportunities

- Incredible partners across sectors
- National leadership based here in New Mexico
- Activated champions in the legislature, HSD, DOH and in clinical settings
- Our ability to both leverage and provide ongoing technical assistance
Next steps

- Partner with Envision/LARC Mentoring Program (LMP) to expand focus to increased LARC access system-wide.
- Collaboration on internal clarification of Medicaid reimbursement policy.
- Continue to work with participating hospitals and engage others.
- Deepen collaboration with reproductive justice and community partners.
- Address commercial plans.
- Evaluation research on implementation success in a statewide setting.
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