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An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement for long-acting reversible contraceptives

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1901j is added to read:

§ 1901j. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR LONG-ACTING  
REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES

(a) As used in this section, “health care provider” has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 9402.

(b) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall reimburse health care providers for the full cost of a device providing long-acting reversible contraception when the device is inserted during a Medicaid beneficiary’s postpartum hospital stay.

Sec. 2. COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN OVER-THE-COUNTER  
CONTRACEPTIVES; REPORT

(a) Each health insurer offering qualified health benefit plans through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange shall, in consultation with its pharmacy benefit manager, if any, determine how to provide coverage for over-the-counter oral contraceptives and over-the-counter emergency contraceptives in its Exchange and non-Exchange plans without requiring a prescription and without imposing cost-sharing requirements.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, each health insurer shall report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance on how it could provide coverage for over-the-counter oral and emergency contraceptives in its health insurance plans without a prescription or cost-sharing, including any estimated impact on health insurance premiums, and whether the insurer intends to add this benefit to any or all of its health insurance plans.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Sec. 1 (Medicaid reimbursement) shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(b) Sec. 2 (over-the-counter contraceptives) and this section shall take effect on passage.