MEASURE CCP: CONTRACEPTIVE CARE – POSTPARTUM WOMEN
WOMEN AGES 15–44
Office of Population Affairs/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

A. DESCRIPTION

Among women ages 15 through 44 who had a live birth, the percentage that:

1. Were provided most effective or moderately effective FDA-approved methods of contraception within 3 and 60 days of delivery.
2. Were provided a long-acting reversible method of contraception (LARC) within 3 and 60 days of delivery.

The first measure is an intermediate outcome measure, and it is desirable to have a high percentage of women who are using the most effective or moderately effective contraceptive methods. The second measure is an access measure, and the focus is on making sure that women have access to LARC methods.

These measures are reported at two points in time: contraceptive use within 3 days of delivery is used to monitor the provision of contraception in the immediate postpartum period, while contraceptive use within 60 days of delivery is used to monitor the provision of contraception throughout the postpartum period. (A 60-day period is used because ACOG recommends a postpartum visit at 6 weeks, and two additional weeks are allowed for women whose postpartum care visit is delayed.) For both measures, each postpartum rate (3 days and 60 days) is reported for two age groups: one for ages 15-20 and one for ages 21- 44.

Guidance for Reporting:

- These measures apply to Medicaid enrollees ages 15–44. Two separate rates should be reported: within 3 days of delivery and within 60 days of delivery. In addition, separate rates should be reported for ages 15–20 and ages 21–44. Eight rates will be reported in MACPro.
- The measurement year is calendar year 2015. This specification includes ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes. In compliance with the CMS mandate to use ICD-10 codes for services provided on or after October 1, 2015, the measures should be calculated using ICD-10 codes for claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2015.
- For more information on how to interpret performance results on this measure, see Section E, “Additional Notes” and Appendix C, “How to Interpret Rates from the Performance Measures for Contraceptive Care.”

B. DEFINITIONS

Use of a most effective method of contraception	Use of female sterilization, contraceptive implants, or intrauterine devices or systems (IUD/IUS).
Use of a moderately effective method of contraception	Use of injectables, oral pills, patch, ring, or diaphragm.
Use of a long-acting reversible method of contraception (LARC)	Use of contraceptive implants, intrauterine devices or systems (IUD/IUS).
Measurement year	Calendar year 2015.

C. ELIGIBLE POPULATION

Age	Women ages 15 through 44 years as of December 31 of the measurement year who had a live birth.
Continuous enrollment	Within the measurement year, women enrolled from the date of delivery to 60 days postpartum.
Allowable gap	No allowable gap during the continuous enrollment period.
Anchor date	Date of delivery.
Benefit	Medical or Family Planning Only Services.
Event/diagnosis	Use of contraception.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIFICATION

Denominator
The eligible female population that is of reproductive age, i.e., ages 15 through 44 years, and who had a live birth in the measurement year. The denominator for both measures should be stratified in two age groups: ages 15 through 20 and ages 21 through 44.

Women will be excluded from the denominator if they did not have an opportunity to receive contraception in the postpartum period (defined as within 60 days of delivery). Follow the steps below to identify the eligible population:

Step 1 Identify live births and deliveries by using codes in Table CCP-A.[1]

Step 2 Exclude deliveries that did not end in a live birth (i.e., miscarriage, ectopic, stillbirth, or pregnancy termination) by using the codes in Table CCP-B.

Step 3 Exclude deliveries that occurred during the last 2 months of the measurement year. These deliveries should be excluded from the denominator because there may not have been an opportunity to provide the mother with contraception during the postpartum period. ACOG recommends having a postpartum visit by 6 weeks.

[1] Some women may have more than one delivery in the measurement year; the measure is designed to identify unique live births (defined as those that occur ≥180 days apart) rather than women who had a live birth.

Table CCP-A. Codes to identify a live birth or delivery

ICD-9 (For dates of service from January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015) 650, V27.0, V27.2, V27.3, V27.5, V27.6; 640.x1, 641.x1, 642.x1, 642.x2, 643.x1, 644.21, 645.x1, 646.x1, 646.x2, 647.x1, 647.x2, 648.x1, 648.x2, 649.x1, 649.x2, 651.x1, 652.x1, 653.x1, 654.x1, 654.x2, 655.x1, 656.01, 656.11, 656.21, 656.31, 656.51, 656.61, 656.71, 656.81, 656.91, 657.01, 658.x1, 659.x1, 660.x1, 661.x1, 662.x1, 663.x1, 664.x1, 665.x1, 665.x2, 666.x2, 667.x2, 668.x1, 668.x2, 669.x1, 669.x2, 670.02, 671.x1, 671.x2, 672.02, 673.x1, 673.x2, 674.x1, 674.x2, 675.x1, 675.x2, 676.x1, 676.x2, 678.x1, 679.x1, 679.x2; 670.12, 670.22, 670.32, 670.82 ICD-9-CM Procedure codes (For dates of service from January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015) 72.0-73.99, 74.0-74.20, 74.40, 74.99 ICD-10-CM Procedure Codes (For dates of service from January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015) 10D00Z0, 10D00Z1, 10D00Z2, 10D07Z3, 10D07Z4, 10D07Z5, 10D07Z6, 10D07Z7, 10D07Z8, 10E0XZZ CPT 59400, 59409, 59410, 59510, 59514, 59515, 59610, 59612, 59614, 59618, 59620, 59622

Table CCP-B. Codes indicating a known miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or induced abortion

ICD-9 630-637.92, 639.0-639.9, 656.40, 656.41, 656.43, V27.1, V27.4, V27.7 ICD-10 O00-O08, O36.4, Z33.2, Z37.1, Z37.4, Z37.7 CPT 59812, 59820, 59821, 59830, 59120, 59121, 59130, 59135, 59136, 59140 59840, 59841, 59850, 59851, 59852, 59855, 59856, 59857

Numerator for measure 1

The eligible population that used a most or moderately effective method of contraception.

Step 4 Define the numerator by identifying women who used a most (sterilization, IUD, implant) or moderately (injection, oral pills, patch, ring, or diaphragm) effective method of contraception in the measurement year. To do this, use the codes in Table CCP-C.

Step 5 Adjust for LARC removals and re-insertions. The LARC methods can be removed at the woman's request so adjustments must be made to reflect this. Use the codes in Table CCP-D to identify women who had their IUD or implant removed at any point during the measurement year. Check to see if they had an IUD or implant reinserted on the same or a subsequent date using the codes in Table CCP-E. If there is no code indicating reinsertion, use the codes in Table CCP-C minus the Intrauterine Device (IUD/IUS) and Hormonal Implant codes to determine whether a woman was provided another most or moderately effective method in the 30 days prior to the removal (since a woman may receive a prescription for another method prior to the removal). Additionally, use all the

codes in Table CCP-C to look for a subsequent most or moderately effective method in the period after the LARC removal until the end of the measurement year. If there is no code for reinsertion or provision of another most or moderately effective method, consider them as a non-user.

Step 6 Determine the date that the contraceptive method was provided to identify: (a) women that received contraception in the immediate postpartum period of 3 days after delivery; and (b) women that received contraception within 60 days of delivery. The second category will also include women who received contraception in the first 3 days postpartum.

Numerator for measure 2

The eligible population that used a LARC method.

Step 4 Define the numerator by identifying women who used a LARC in the measurement year. To do this, use the codes in Table CCP-E.

Step 5 Adjust for LARC removals and re-insertions. The LARC methods can be removed at the woman's request so adjustments must be made to reflect this. Use the codes in Table CCP-D to identify women who had their IUD or implant removed at any point during the measurement year. Check to see if they had an IUD or implant reinserted on the same or a subsequent date through the end of the measurement year using Table CCP-D. If there is no code for reinsertion or provision of another most or moderately effective method, consider them as a non-user of LARC.

Step 6 Determine the date that the LARC method was provided to identify: (a) women that received LARC in the immediate postpartum period of 3 days after delivery; and (b) women that received LARC within 60 days of delivery. The second category will also include women who received LARC in the first 3 days postpartum.

Table CCP-C. Codes used to identify use of most or moderately effective contraceptive methods

Description	Codes
Female Sterilization	ICD-9 V25.2, Sterilization V26.51, Tubal ligation status ICD-9 Procedure Codes 66.2, Procedure code bilateral endoscopic or occlusion of fallopian tubes ICD-10 Z30.2, Encounter for Sterilization Z98.51, Tubal Ligation Status ICD-10 Procedure Codes 0U574ZZ, Destruction of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach 0U578ZZ, Destruction of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic 0UL74CZ, Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Extraluminal Device, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach 0UL74DZ, Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Intraluminal Device, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach 0UL74ZZ, Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach 0UL78DZ, Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Intraluminal Device, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic 0UL78ZZ, Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic CPT 58600, Ligation or transection of fallopian tube(s), abdominal or vaginal approach, unilateral or bilateral 58605, Ligation or transection of fallopian tube(s), abdominal or vaginal approach, postpartum, unilateral or bilateral, during same hospitalization (separate procedure) 58615, Occlusion of fallopian tube(s) by device (eg, band, clip, Falope ring) vaginal or suprapubic approach 58611, Ligation or transection of fallopian tube(s) when done at the time of cesarean delivery or intra- abdominal surgery (not a separate procedure) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) 58670, Laparoscopy, surgical; with fulguration of oviducts (with or without transection) 58671, Laparoscopy, surgical; with occlusion of oviducts by device (eg, band, clip, or Falope ring) 58565, Hysteroscopy, surgical; with bilateral fallopian tube cannulation to induce occlusion by placement of permanent implants HCPCS A4264, Permanent implantable contraceptive intratubal occlusion device and delivery system

Description	Codes
Intrauterine Device (IUD/IUS)	ICD-9 V25.11, Encounter for insertion of intrauterine contraceptive device V25.13, Encounter for removal and reinsertion of intrauterine contraceptive device V25.42, Surveillance of contraceptive method, intrauterine device V45.51, Presence of intrauterine contraceptive device 996.32, Mechanical complication due to intrauterine contraceptive device ICD-9 Procedure Codes 69.7, Insertion of intrauterine contraceptive device ICD-10 Z30.430, Encounter for insertion of intrauterine contraceptive device Z30.433, Encounter for removal and reinsertion of intrauterine contraceptive device Z30.431, Encounter for routine checking of intrauterine contraceptive device Z97.5, Presence of (intrauterine) contraceptive device T83.39XA, Other mechanical complication of intrauterine contraceptive device, initial encounter ICD-10 Procedure Codes 0UH97HZ, Insertion of Contraceptive Device into Uterus, Via Natural or Artificial Opening 0UH98HZ, Insertion of Contraceptive Device into Uterus, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic 0UHC7HZ, Insertion of Contraceptive Device into Cervix, Via Natural or Artificial Opening 0UHC8HZ, Insertion of Contraceptive Device into Cervix, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic CPT 58300, Insertion of IUD HCPCS J7300, Intrauterine copper contraceptive J7301, Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 13.5 mg J7302, Levonorgestrel- releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 52 mg S4989, Contraceptive intrauterine device (e.g. progestacertiud), including implants and supplies Q0090, Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, (skyla), 13.5 mg S4981, Insertion of levonorgestrel- releasing intrauterine system NDC 50419042101, 50419042201, 50419042301, 51285020401

Description	Codes
Hormonal Implant	ICD-9 V25.5, Encounter for insertion of implantable subdermal contraceptive, V25.43, Surveillance of implantable subdermal contraceptive. V45.52, Presence of subdermal contraceptive implant CPT 11981, Insertion, non- biodegradable drug delivery implant, Implanon or Nexplanon 11983, Removal with reinsertion, non- biodegradable drug delivery implant, Implanon or Nexplanon HCPCS J7306, Levonorgestrel (contraceptive) implant system, including implants and supplies J7307,Etonogestrel [contraceptive] implant system, including implant and supplies NDC 00052027201, 00052027401, 00052433001
Injectable (1-month/ 3-month)	HCPCS J1050, Injection, medroxyprogesterone acetate NDC 00009074630, 00009074635, 00009470901, 00009470913, 00009737604, 00009737607, 00009737611, 00247210801, 00703680101, 00703680104, 00703681121, 23490585401, 54569370100, 54569490400, 54569552700, 54569561600, 54569621900, 54868361300, 54868410000, 54868410001, 54868525700, 55045350501, 59762453701, 59762453702, 59762453801, 59762453802, 59762453809
Oral Contraceptive Pills	ICD-9 V25.01, Counseling and prescription of oral contraceptives V25.41, Surveillance of contraceptive pill HCPCS S4993, Contraceptive pills for birth control

Oral Contraceptive Pills (continued)	NDC 00008111720, 00008111730, 00008251402, 00008253505, 00008253601 00008253605, 00052026106, 00052028306, 00052028308, 00062125100, 00062125115, 00062125120, 00062133220, 00062141116, 00062141123, 00062171400, 00062171415, 00062176100, 00062176115, 00062178100, 00062178115, 00062179600, 00062179615, 00062190120, 00062190320, 00062190700, 00062190715, 00062191000, 00062191015, 00093214062, 00093209028, 00093209058, 00093313482, 00093532862, 00093542328, 00093542358, 00093566128, 00093566158, 00093614882, 00247052028, 00247069028, 00247069128, 00247069228, 00247139828, 00247151328, 00247151628, 00247151728, 00247176404, 00247176421, 00247176521, 00247198621, 00247198628, 00247200828, 00247201004, 00247201008, 00247201028, 00247201228, 00247201328, 00247214728, 00247216928, 00247217028, 00247223028, 00247223528, 00247226028, 00247226828, 00378728153 00378655053, 00378727253, 00378729253, 00378730153, 00378730853, 00430000531, 00430001005, 00430042014, 00430048214, 00430053014, 00430053550, 00430054050, 00430057014, 00430057045, 00430058014, 00430058045, 00430058114, 00430058514, 00430058545, 00555034458, 00555071558, 00555900867, 00555900942, 00555901058, 00555901258, 00555901467, 00555901658, 00555901858, 00555902058, 00555902542, 00555902557, 00555902658, 00555902742, 00555902757, 00555902858, 00555903270, 00555903458, 00555904358, 00555904558, 00555904758, 00555904958, 00555905058, 00555905158, 00555905167, 00555906458, 00555906467, 00555906558, 00555906658, 00555906667, 00555912366, 00555913167, 00555913179, 00603359017, 00603359049, 00603751217, 00603751249, 00603752117, 00603752149, 00603752517, 00603752549, 00603754017, 00603754049, 00603760615, 00603760648, 00603760715 00603760748, 00603760817, 00603760917, 00603761017, 00603761049, 00603762517, 00603762549, 00603763417, 00603763449, 00603764017, 00603764217, 00603766317, 00603766517, 00781405815, 00781406015, 00781406215, 00781558307, 00781558315, 00781558336, 00781558436, 00781558491, 00781565615, 00781565815, 16714033003, 16714034004, 16714034604, 16714034704, 16714034804, 16714035904, 16714036004, 16714036304, 16714036504, 16714037003, 16714040703, 16714044004, 16714044104, 21695076928, 21695077028, 23490765301, 23490767001, 23490769901, 24090080184, 24090096184, 35356001468, 35356001568, 35356002168, 35356025528, 35356037028, 50102010048, 50102012048, 50102012803, 50102013048, 50102015403, 50419040201, 50419040203, 50419040303, 50419040503, 50419040701, 50419040703, 50419041112, 50419041128, 50419043306, 50419043312, 50419048203, 50419048303, 50452025115, 50458017115, 50458017615, 50458017815, 50458019115, 50458019411, 50458019416, 50458019615, 50458019715, 50458025115, 51285005866, 51285007997, 51285008070, 51285008198, 51285008297, 51285008370, 51285008498, 51285008787, 51285009158, 51285009287, 51285011458, 51285012058, 51285012570, 51285012698, 51285012797, 51285012998, 51285013197, 51285043165, 51285054628, 51660012786, 51660057286, 52544006431, 52544014331, 52544017572, 52544020431, 52544021028, 52544021928, 52544022829, 52544023328, 52544023528, 52544023531, 52544024531, 52544024728, 52544024828, 52544024928, 52544025428, 52544025928, 52544025988, 52544026528, 52544026531, 52544026829, 52544026884, 52544027428, 52544027431, 52544027621, 52544027928, 52544029021, 52544029128, 52544029231, 52544029241, 52544029528, 52544038328, 52544038428, 52544055028, 52544055228, 52544055428, 52544062928, 52544063028, 52544063128, 52544094928, 52544095021, 52544095121, 52544095328, 52544084728,

Description	Codes
Oral Contraceptive Pills (continued)	NDC (continued) 52544084828, 52544089228, 52544093628, 52544094028, 52544095428, 52544095931, 52544096691, 52544096728, 52544098131, 52544098231, 54569067900, 54569068500, 54569068501, 54569068900, 54569068901, 54569143900, 54569384400, 54569422200, 54569422201, 54569426900, 54569427301, 54569481700, 54569487800, 54569487801, 54569489000, 54569498400, 54569499700, 54569499800, 54569516100, 54569534900, 54569549300, 54569549302, 54569579600, 54569579700, 54569579800, 54569581600, 54569582600, 54569603200, 54569612800, 54569614400, 54569627200, 54569628000, 54569628100, 54868042800, 54868044300, 54868050200, 54868050700, 54868050801, 54868050901, 54868051600, 54868151200, 54868156400, 54868231600, 54868260600, 54868270100, 54868377200, 54868386300, 54868394800, 54868409300, 54868423900, 54868436900, 54868453800, 54868459000, 54868460700, 54868473000, 54868473100, 54868474200, 54868474500, 54868475400, 54868477600, 54868481400, 54868482800, 54868485100, 54868486000, 54868491100, 54868502800, 54868528600, 54868532600, 54868535600, 54868582600, 54868582800, 54868594200, 55045348506, 55045349701, 55045349801, 55045378106, 55045378206, 55289024708, 55289088704, 55887005228, 55887028628, 58016474701, 58016482701, 66993061128, 66993061528, 68180084313, 68180084413, 68180084613, 68180084813, 68180085413, 68180087611, 68180087613, 68180089213, 68180089713, 68180089813, 68180089913, 68180090213, 68462030329, 68462030529, 68462030929, 68462031629, 68462031829, 68462038829, 68462039429, 68462055629, 68462056529, 68462063729, 68462064693, 00378728053, 00378728353, 00378728753, 00378729653, 00430053750, 16714007304, 16714035903, 16714036704, 16714040402, 16714040404, 16714040501, 16714040504, 16714040601, 16714040604, 16714040803, 16714041304, 50419040903, 65162031684, 65162034784, 68180087513, 68180087711, 68180087713, 68180088213, 68180088613, 68180089211, 68180089313, 75854060101
Patch	HCPCS J7304, Contraceptive supply, hormone containing patch, each NDC 00062192001, 00062192015, 00062192024, 50458019201, 50458019215, 54569541300, 54868467000, 00378334053
Vaginal Ring	HCPCS J7303, Contraceptive supply, hormone containing vaginal ring, each NDC 00052027301, 00052027303, 54569586500, 54868483201, 55887075401

Description	Codes
Diaphragm	CPT 57170, Diaphragm or cervical cap fitting with instructions HCPCS A4266, Diaphragm for contraceptive use NDC 00027013160, 00027013180, 00062330100, 00062330200, 00062330300, 00062330400, 00062330500, 00062330600, 00062330700, 00062330800, 00062330900, 00062331000, 00062331100, 00062331200, 00062331300, 00062334100, 00062334200, 00062334300, 00062334400, 00062334500, 00062334600, 00062334700, 00062334800, 00062334900, 00062335000, 00062335100, 00062335200, 00062338100, 00062338200, 00062338300, 00062338400, 00062338500, 00062338600, 00062338700, 00062338800, 00062338900, 00062364103, 00062364300, 00234005100, 00234013100, 00234013150, 00234013155, 00234013160, 00234013165, 00234013170, 00234013175, 00234013180, 00234013185, 00234013190, 00234013195, 00234013600, 00234013660, 00234013665, 00234013670, 00234013675, 00234013680, 00234013685, 00234013690, 00234013695, 00396401065, 00396401070, 00396401075, 00396401080

Table CCP-D. Codes used to identify removal/discontinued use of LARC

Description	Codes
Discontinue Intrauterine device (IUD)	ICD-9 V25.12, Encounter for removal of intrauterine contraceptive device ICD-9 Procedure Codes 97.71, Removal of intrauterine device ICD-10 Z30.432, Encounter for removal of intrauterine contraceptive device ICD-10 Procedure codes 0UPD7HZ, Removal of Contraceptive Device from Uterus and Cervix, Via Natural or Artificial Opening 0UPD8HZ, Removal of Contraceptive Device from Uterus and Cervix, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic CPT 58301, Encounter for removal of intrauterine contraceptive device
Discontinue Implant	CPT 11976, Removal, non-biodegradable drug delivery implant, Norplant 11982, Removal, non-biodegradable drug delivery implant, Implanon or Nexplanon

Table CCP-E. Codes used to identify use of a long-acting reversible contraceptive method (LARC)

Description	Codes
Intrauterine Device (IUD/IUS)	ICD-9 V25.11, Encounter for insertion of intrauterine contraceptive device V25.13, Encounter for removal and reinsertion of intrauterine contraceptive device V25.42, Surveillance of contraceptive method, intrauterine device V45.51, Presence of intrauterine contraceptive device 996.32, Mechanical complication due to intrauterine contraceptive device 996.65, Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other genitourinary device, implant and graft ICD-9 Procedure Codes 69.7, Insertion of intrauterine contraceptive device ICD-10 Z30.430, Encounter for insertion of intrauterine contraceptive device Z30.433, Encounter for removal and reinsertion of intrauterine contraceptive device Z30.431, Encounter for routine checking of intrauterine contraceptive device Z97.5, Presence of (intrauterine) contraceptive device T83.39XA, Other mechanical complication of intrauterine contraceptive device, initial encounter ICD-10 Procedure codes 0UH97HZ, Insertion of Contraceptive Device into Uterus, Via Natural or Artificial Opening 0UH98HZ, Insertion of Contraceptive Device into Uterus, Via Natural or Artificial Opening 0UHC7HZ, Insertion of Contraceptive Device into Cervix, Via Natural or Artificial Opening 0UHC8HZ, Insertion of Contraceptive Device into Cervix, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic CPT 58300, Insertion of IUD HCPCS J7300, Intrauterine copper contraceptive J7301, Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 13.5 mg J7302, Levonorgestrel- releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, 52 mg S4989, Contraceptive intrauterine device (e.g. progestacertiud), including implants and supplies Q0090, Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine contraceptive system, (skyla), 13.5 mg S4981, Insertion of levonorgestrel- releasing intrauterine system NDC 50419042101, 50419042201, 51285020401

Hormonal Implant	ICD-9 V25.5, Encounter for insertion of implantable subdermal contraceptive, V25.43, Surveillance of implantable subdermal contraceptive. V45.52, Presence of subdermal contraceptive implant CPT 11981 Insertion, non- biodegradable drug delivery implant, Implanon or Nexplanon 11983, Removal with reinsertion, non- biodegradable drug delivery implant, Implanon or Nexplanon HCPCS J7306, Levonorgestrel (contraceptive) implant system, including implants and supplies J7307,Etonogestrel [contraceptive] implant system, including implant and supplies NDC 00052027201, 00052027401, 00052433001

E. ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Lactational Amenorrhea Method (LAM) is a highly effective, temporary method of contraception that can be used in the postpartum period. If the infant is being fed only its mother's breast milk, and the woman has not experienced her first postpartum menses, then LAM provides 98% protection from pregnancy in the first 6 months postpartum.[2]

Despite the protection from LAM, many health care providers will want to provide contraceptive services to women at the postpartum visit because the effectiveness of breastfeeding for pregnancy prevention drops quickly when women stop exclusive breastfeeding. It may be difficult for many clients to receive contraceptive services at that time.

Healthy People and the World Health Organization recommend an inter-pregnancy interval of at least 18 months; therefore all postpartum women can be considered at risk of unintended pregnancy for that period of time. See Appendix C, "How to Interpret Rates from the Performance Measures for Contraceptive Care," for an example of how to interpret performance results on this measure.

[2] Trussell J. Contraceptive Efficacy. In Hatcher RA, Trussell J, Nelson AL, Cates W, Kowal D, Policar M. Contraceptive Technology: Twentieth Revised Edition. New York NY: Ardent Media, 2011.