

Cost Savings Opportunity

Oral contraceptives (OC) are mandated for full insurer coverage as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, cost-effective alternatives for the oral contraceptives present an important savings opportunity.

High Cost Product	Cost / Month	Lower Cost Alternative	Cost / Month
Lo Loestrin FE 1-10	~ \$200	Microgestin FE 1-20	~ \$20

Considerations

- Most oral contraceptives contain less than 20- 35 micrograms (mcg) of estrogen and are considered “low-dose.”
- Lo Loestrin FE (norethindrone acetate 1mg / ethinyl estradiol 10mcg / iron) may have a lower chance of certain side effects such as headache or nausea.

Call to Action

- **Consider prescribing Microgestin FE 1-20 (norethindrone acetate 1mg / ethinyl estradiol 20 mcg / iron)**
- **Reserve Lo Loestrin for those members who are unable to take lower cost alternatives.**