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Some states are implementing policies to increase the use of long-acting reversible contraception, known as LARCs, among Medicaid enrollees. LARCs--intrauterine devices, or IUDs, and subdermal contraceptive implants--are highly effective forms of birth control, with pregnancy rates of less than 1 percent within the first year. A five-year Colorado pilot program documented a 48 percent reduction in the state's teen birth and abortion rates. This FREE CSG eCademy webcast will explore programs and policies related to LARC use in Colorado, South Carolina and Illinois. [More ...](#)

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