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Cost analysis of immediate postabortal IUD insertion compared to planned IUD insertion at the time of abortion follow up.

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Immediate postabortal intrauterine device (IUD) insertion decreases rates of repeat abortions. However, only one third of high-volume, non-hospital abortion providers in the United States offer immediate postabortal IUD placement.

STUDY DESIGN: We conducted a cost analysis from a public payer perspective to evaluate the potential cost savings associated with a policy of immediate postabortal IUD insertion, compared to planned IUD insertion at the time of abortion follow up. Sensitivity analyses and Monte Carlo simulation were performed.

RESULTS: Considering only direct costs of contraception and pregnancy-related care over 1 year, immediate postabortal IUD provision decreases public program expenditures by US\$111 per woman compared to planned IUD placement at follow up. Over 5 years, the savings increases to \$4296 per woman, when public health and social program costs are also considered.

CONCLUSION: Immediate postabortal IUD insertion is cost saving from a public payer perspective, compared to planned insertion at the time of follow up. These savings are seen over a wide range of model inputs.

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