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## Special Needs Grant

### LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION

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A Special Needs Grant is available to help with the additional costs of accessing **subsidised** long-acting reversible contraception. These grants do not need to be paid back.

#### ***Eligibility***

This assistance is available to:

- women receiving Youth Payment or Young Parent Payment
- women on a benefit (including partners) with or without children (excludes Unemployment Benefit - Student Hardship)
- women aged 16 years and over who are the dependent children of a beneficiary.

#### ***Costs covered***

The Special Needs Grant can assist with the costs of the assessment, insertion, follow-up and, if necessary, the removal of subsidised long-acting reversible contraception.

The cost of any unsubsidised device cannot be included in the Special Needs Grant. The grant can cover the government prescription charge (generally \$5) where the device is subsidised.

Common examples of long-acting reversible contraception are:

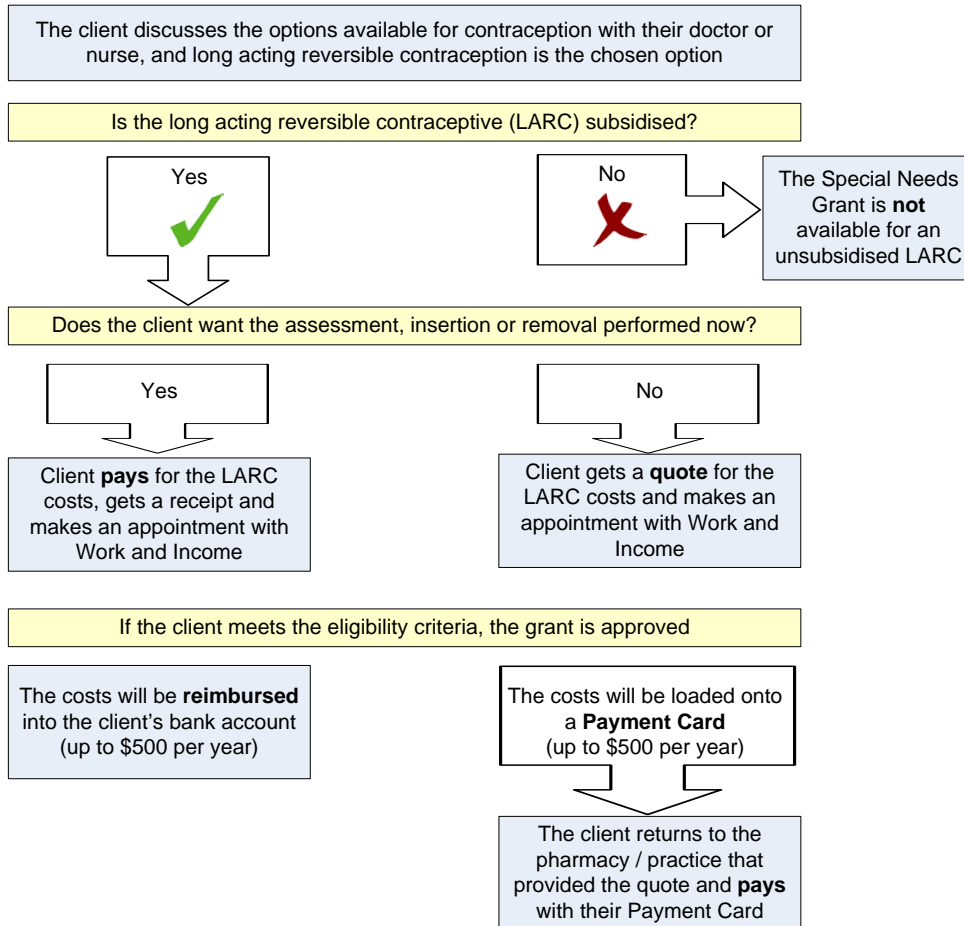
- contraceptive injections
- contraceptive implants
- intra uterine devices (IUDs).

Some of the costs that can be paid for include (but are not limited to):

- the costs of medical appointments and consultation fees
- prescription fees (in excess of any subsidy paid)
- reasonable travel costs.

A client can have more than one grant for subsidised long-acting reversible contraception provided the total amount paid is no more than \$500 in any one year.

## Process



## Payment information for practices and pharmacies

Practices and pharmacies must be registered suppliers with Work and Income to receive payment.

Payment is made through the Payment Card for goods or services associated with subsidised long-acting reversible contraception. Payment Cards look like EFTPOS cards and are issued with a cash balance on them for the purchase of approved goods and services from registered suppliers.

For information on how to become a registered supplier, go to:  
[www.workandincome.govt.nz/online-services/supplier-registration/](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/online-services/supplier-registration/)

For large retailers with multiple sites/branches, each site/branch needs to be registered.

Note for practitioners: See PHARMAC for information on whether specific types of long-acting reversible contraception are subsidised – [www.pharmac.health.nz](http://www.pharmac.health.nz)

for more information:

- Visit [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz)
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