**Update Summary**

**October 2015**

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**Ambulatory Surgical Center Access Payments Discontinued for Fiscal Year 2015**

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Ambulatory Surgery Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Department of Health Services is discontinuing ambulatory surgical center (ASC) access payments for ASC claims received and processed on and after October 30, 2015, for dates of service from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

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**Changes to Process for Submitting Birth to 3 Program Claims**

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This update announces changes to the claim submission process for Birth to 3 Program service providers that submit claims for members enrolled in the Birth to 3 Program.

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**Hospice Reimbursement Rate Changes**

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Hospice Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2015, Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus hospice reimbursement rates have changed.

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**Clarification of the Completion Instructions for the Consent for Sterilization Form**

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Family Planning Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This update provides revised state-specific completion instructions for the Consent for Sterilization form, F-01164 (10/08), and announces that ForwardHealth is now requesting the member's ForwardHealth member ID on the Consent for Sterilization form.

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*Affected Programs Key:*

ADAP = Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program

BC+ = BadgerCare Plus

Med = Medicaid

SC = SeniorCare

WCDP = Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program

WWNP = Wisconsin Well Woman Program
New Coverage and Prior Authorization Policy for Wearable Cardioverter Defibrillators

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Medical Equipment Vendors, Pharmacies, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This Update announces new coverage and prior authorization policy for wearable cardioverter defibrillators effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2015.

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Pharmacy Policy Changes Effective October 15, 2015

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare

**To:** Blood Banks, Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This Update provides information for prescribers and pharmacy providers about changes to the Preferred Drug List and other pharmacy policy changes effective for dates of service on and after October 15, 2015, unless otherwise noted.

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Prior Authorization Required for Paliperidone Tablets

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare

**To:** Blood Banks, Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after November 15, 2015, paliperidone tablets, an antipsychotic drug, will require prior authorization until further notice.

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Revised Hearing Aid Contract Models and Pricing Effective September 2015

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Audiologists, Hearing Instrument Specialists, Speech and Hearing Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for hearing aids dispensed on and after September 1, 2015, ForwardHealth has implemented annual manufacturer revisions on the volume purchase contracts for hearing aids. This Update provides information about the hearing aid models and purchase rates now available through the volume purchase contract.

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