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Update Summary

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ForwardHealth Updates	Affected Programs*					
Update Title	**ADAP**	**BC+**	**Med**	**SC**	**WCDP**	**WWWP**
Changes to Pharmacy Policies for Hepatitis C Agents Effective April 1, 2015 (2015-13)		✓	✓	✓		
New Coverage Policy for Testing for Drugs of Abuse (2015-10)		✓	✓			
Changes to Coverage Policies for Permanent Implantation of Intrathecal Infusion Pumps for Treatment of Spasticity (2015-12)		✓	✓			
Clarification Regarding Comprehensive Medication Review and Assessment Services for Members Recently Discharged from a Hospital or Long Term Care Setting (2015-09)		✓	✓	✓		
Outpatient and Inpatient Hospital Observation Policy (2015-14)		✓	✓			
Revised Prior Authorization Requirements for Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing (2015-11)		✓	✓			
Upcoming Training Sessions Available for Providers Regarding *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision* Readiness (2015-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Changes to Pharmacy Policies for Hepatitis C Agents Effective April 1, 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 pharmacy policies for hepatitis C agents effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2015, unless otherwise noted.

Update number:
2015-13

New Coverage Policy for Testing for Drugs of Abuse

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* announces new policy regarding testing for drugs of abuse effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2015.

Update number:
2015-10

Changes to Coverage Policies for Permanent Implantation of Intrathecal Infusion Pumps for Treatment of Spasticity

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Hospital Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after April 15, 2015, prior authorization (PA) requests for permanent implantation of intrathecal infusion pumps for the treatment of spasticity are subject to changes in the PA guidelines. This *Update* outlines the changes.

Update number:
2015-12

***Affected Programs Key:**
ADAP = Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program
BC+ = BadgerCare Plus
Med = Medicaid
SC = SeniorCare
WCDP = Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program
WWWP = Wisconsin Well Woman Program

Clarification Regarding Comprehensive Medication Review and Assessment Services for Members Recently Discharged from a Hospital or Long Term Care Setting

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 clarification regarding Comprehensive Medication Review and Assessment Services under the Medication Therapy Management benefit for members who have been discharged from a hospital or long term care setting within the past 14 days.

Update number:
2015-09

Outpatient and Inpatient Hospital Observation Policy

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: Hospital Providers, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* announces that the allowable length of outpatient and inpatient hospital observation will be up to 48 hours, effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2015. It also clarifies other observation policy, including billing information.

Update number:
2015-14

Revised Prior Authorization Requirements for Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: Dentists, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* announces revised prior authorization (PA) requirements for periodontal scaling and root planing effective for PA requests received on and after April 13, 2015.

Update number:
2015-11

Upcoming Training Sessions Available for Providers Regarding *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision* Readiness

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program, Wisconsin Well Woman Program
To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Beginning in May 2015, ForwardHealth will be offering special add-on Brown Bag Lunch Series online training sessions for providers regarding *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision* readiness.

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2015-15

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