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### National Coordination of Benefits Agreement Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B Crossover Claims Process

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

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

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published final regulations requiring managed care organizations (MCOs) to enter into a national Coordination of Benefits Agreement for Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B crossover claims. CMS requires compliance with this regulation on or before January 1, 2018, for BadgerCare Plus and SSI MCOs. This *Update* provides guidance regarding this automated crossover process.

**Update number:** 2017-43

### Expanded List of Allowable Vaccines for Pharmacy Providers

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2018, ForwardHealth will expand the list of allowable vaccines for pharmacy providers for members 6–18 years of age. This policy change is in response to 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, which authorizes reimbursement to trained pharmacy providers who enroll in the federal Vaccines for Children Program. ForwardHealth will continue to reimburse pharmacy providers for influenza vaccines provided to children 6–18 years of age.

**Update number:** 2017-39

### Family Care, Partnership, and IRIS Expand in Dane County

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

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

Beginning February 1, 2018, the Family Care and IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) programs will start in Dane County, as part of an ongoing statewide expansion. In addition, the Family Care Partnership (Partnership) Program — currently available in Dane County — is expanding to offer services to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Beginning February 1, 2018, members will transition to Family Care and IRIS programs on a rolling schedule based on state guidelines. This *Update* details the Dane County expansion and includes information regarding the provision of Family Care, Partnership, and IRIS services.

**Update number:** 2017-40

### Prior Authorization No Longer Required for Evaluations or Re-Evaluations for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Hospital Providers, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Speech-Language Pathologists, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* establishes new policy for evaluations and re-evaluations for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology services, in addition to clarifying evaluation documentation.

**Update number:** 2017-44

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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
- WWWP = Wisconsin Well Woman Program
**Increased Reimbursement and Changes to Claims Submission Requirements for Outpatient Behavioral Health Services**

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid  
**To:** Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers with Psychiatric Specialty, Intensive In-Home Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Children Providers, Master’s-Level Psychotherapists, Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinics, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Qualified Treatment Trainees, Substance Abuse Counselors, HMO and Other Managed Care Programs

In October 2017, Governor Scott Walker directed the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to increase reimbursement for professionals providing outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services. As a result, effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2018, ForwardHealth will implement changes to the rate structure, maximum allowable fee schedule, and units of time for outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services. These reimbursement changes simplify the fee schedule for outpatient behavioral health services and increase reimbursement rates to more accurately reflect the value of these high-need and cost-effective services. The changes to the rate structure and max fees do not change other BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid program requirements for outpatient behavioral health services, including allowable providers, documentation requirements, and medical necessity.

**Update number:**  
2017-41

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**January 2018 Preferred Drug List Review and Other Pharmacy Policy Changes**

**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 January 1, 2018, unless otherwise noted.

**Update number:**  
2017-42

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