

ForwardHealth Updates	Affected Programs*					
Update Title	ADAP	BC+	Med	SC	WCDP	WWWP
Classic Optical Laboratories, Inc., Will Continue to Provide Eyeglass Materials Under New State Purchase Eyeglass Contract (2016-50)		✓	✓			
ForwardHealth Holiday Schedule (2016-52)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Licensed Midwives May Now Become Wisconsin Medicaid Providers (2016-51)		✓	✓			
New Revalidation Application Fee for Provider Organizations and Important Reminders About the Revalidation Process (2016-53)		✓	✓			

Classic Optical Laboratories, Inc., Will Continue to Provide Eyeglass Materials Under New State Purchase Eyeglass Contract

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Ophthalmologists, Opticians, Optometrists, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Classic Optical Laboratories, Inc. (Classic Optical), is the new vendor for the State Purchase Eyeglass Contract (SPEC). Because Classic Optical was a subcontractor of Korrekt Optical — the previous SPEC vendor — this change will not affect the ordering process that Medicaid providers are already familiar with. However, although the ordering process will not change under the new SPEC, the frame selection will change effective for dates of service on and after December 1, 2016.

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2016-50

ForwardHealth Holiday Schedule

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

ForwardHealth will be closed for business in recognition of certain holidays in 2016 and 2017, which will affect the availability of call centers and other resources. The holiday schedule is provided in this *Update*.

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2016-52

Licensed Midwives May Now Become Wisconsin Medicaid Providers

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

Based on a provision of the 2015-17 Biennial State Budget (2015 Wisconsin Act 55), licensed midwives may now become Wisconsin Medicaid providers. Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2017, ForwardHealth will begin covering certain services provided by midwives who are licensed under Wis. Stat. § 440.982 and enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid as licensed midwives. This *Update* includes information on enrolling in Wisconsin Medicaid, as well as policy and program guidelines for Medicaid-enrolled licensed midwives.

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2016-51

New Revalidation Application Fee for Provider Organizations and Important Reminders About the Revalidation Process

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

Effective January 1, 2017, provider organizations that are subject to an application fee when enrolling in Wisconsin Medicaid will also be subject to the application fee when revalidating their Medicaid enrollment. This *Update* includes additional information regarding the provider revalidation application fee and revalidation process.

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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