Reimbursement increase for nurses in independent practice

This Update describes the rate increase for nurses in independent practice providing pediatric private duty nursing services, authorized by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, the 1999-2001 biennial budget.

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 1999, hourly rates of reimbursement for nurses in independent practice providing private duty nursing for recipients under 21 years of age have been increased to $20.81 per hour for LPNs and $31.21 per hour for RNs. Nurses in independent practice should continue billing their usual and customary charges for private duty nursing. Wisconsin Medicaid began reimbursing at the new rates in mid-January.

Note: Rates for respiratory care services and private duty nursing for adults will remain the same.

Wisconsin Medicaid automatically adjusted paid claims for services provided on and after July 1, 1999, to reflect the new maximum allowable fees.

When the paid claims were reprocessed, an adjustment was made if the provider’s usual and customary charge was equal to or greater than the state fiscal year 2000 maximum allowable fee. The adjustment was calculated using the lesser of those two amounts, minus the amount already paid. The claims processing system does not adjust paid claims for which the usual and customary charge was less than the state fiscal year 2000 maximum allowable fee.

Requesting adjustments for other claims

Providers whose usual and customary charges for services provided on and after July 1, 1999, were less than the state fiscal year 2000 maximum allowable fee can submit a request to adjust the charges on their claims. Wisconsin Medicaid cannot alter provider claims without a written request from the provider.

Refer to Section X and Appendix 27 of the All-Provider Handbook for instructions about submitting requests for claims adjustments.
This Update applies to fee-for-service Medicaid providers only. If you are a Medicaid HMO network provider, contact your managed care organization for more information about their reimbursement procedures. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

If you have questions, please call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

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Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

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