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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:
Inpatient Hospitals
Institutions for
Mental Disease
Outpatient
Hospitals

Wisconsin Medicaid will hold all Medicare crossover claims for outpatient hospital services received on and after August 15, 2000

The federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997 required the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) to implement a Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for outpatient hospital services. The new Medicare OPPS is effective for Medicare claims submitted with dates of service on and after August 1, 2000. The Medicare fiscal intermediaries are required to begin processing claims under the new OPPS effective August 15, 2000.

Wisconsin Medicaid is completing system modifications for processing Medicare crossover claims¹ for outpatient hospital services. Prior to completion of system modifications, Wisconsin Medicaid needs to suspend processing of Medicare outpatient crossover claims effective for claims received on and after August 15, 2000, to assure proper processing of these claims. This applies to both electronic and paper outpatient crossover claims.

To avoid other delays in Medicaid claims processing, please follow these instructions:

- Continue to submit claims to Medicare using standard guidelines.
- Do not submit duplicate outpatient crossover claims to Medicaid after initial submission to Medicare.
- Continue to submit all other Medicaid claims using standard guidelines.

Further notification will be forthcoming regarding the anticipated process date.

¹ A crossover claim is a Medicare-allowed claim for a Medicare/Medicaid dual entitlee sent to Wisconsin Medicaid by Medicare for possible additional payment of the Medicare coinsurance and deductible.

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

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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