

# Wisconsin Medicaid update and BadgerCare

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## Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

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## Changes to the Durable Medical Equipment Index/Maximum Allowable Fee Schedule

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2000, Wisconsin Medicaid is making changes that will affect durable medical equipment (DME) coverage, policies, and limitations. These changes include adding new HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes, deleting one code, and changing the life expectancy for some codes in the DME Index.

### Attachment

The Attachment to this *Update* lists the changes to the DME Index/Maximum Allowable Fee (MAF) Schedule. All abbreviations and column headings correspond to those listed in the current Medicaid DME Index (pages 2-4). Please make a note of these changes in your index.

### Additions to Durable Medical Equipment Index HCPCS code list

The following HCPCS codes have been added to the DME Index:

- E1900—Synthesized speech augmentative communication device with dynamic display. This replaces W6808.

- L3807—WHFO; extension assist, with inflatable Palmer air support, with or without thumb extension.

### Life expectancy changes

The life expectancy for the following item has been modified to 5 years:

- E0277—Powered pressure-reducing air mattress.

### Maximum allowable fee changes

The maximum allowable fee for the following rental item has been reduced:

- K0458—Heavy duty walker, without wheels, each (for recipient over 300 lbs).

The maximum allowable fees have changed for the following prosthetic devices:

- L2415—Addition to knee joint; cam lock (Swiss, French, Bail types), each joint.
- L2425—Addition to knee joint; disc or dial lock for adjustable knee flexion, each joint.
- L2430—Addition to knee joint; ratchet lock for active and progressive knee extension, each joint.

## Description changes

The description has been revised for the following item:

- W6813—Specialized hydraulic or battery-operated bath lift.

## Deletion of HCPCS code from the Durable Medical Equipment Index

The following item has been deleted from the DME Index:

- W6808—Communicator, including accessories. The replacement code is E1900.

## How to obtain the Durable Medical Equipment Index

The DME Index is available on Wisconsin Medicaid's Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid).

The DME Index is also available on the Medicaid fiscal agent's bulletin board, EDS-EPIX. You may access EDS-EPIX using a personal computer, modem, and a communications software package. Refer to the Claims Submission section of the All-Provider Handbook for downloading instructions.

You may also purchase copies of the DME Index from Wisconsin Medicaid. Copies are available on paper, tape cartridge, microfiche, or diskette. Refer to the Claims Submission section of the All-Provider Handbook for ordering instructions.

This *Update* applies to fee-for-service Medicaid providers only. If you are a Medicaid managed care provider, contact your managed care organization (MCO) for more information about its billing procedures. Coverage is the same for Medicaid recipients in both fee-for-service and Medicaid managed care programs.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

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.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/).

# ATTACHMENT

## Durable Medical Equipment HCPCS Update – Effective November 1, 2000

Action	Procedure Code	TOS	Description	Allowed Provider Types	POS	PAC	Max Fee	PA Req.	Bilateral	Life Expectancy	NH Reimb	Copay	Comments/ Policy	Replacement Codes
Add	E1900	P	Synthesized speech augmentative communication device with dynamic display	24 26 36 38 44 54 58 65 78	0 3 4 7 8	11J		Y	N		R	\$3.00		
Add	E1900	R	Synthesized speech augmentative communication device with dynamic display	24 26 36 38 44 54 58 65 78	0 3 4 7 8	11J		Y	N		R			
Add	L3807	P	WHFO; extension assist, with inflatable Palmer air support, with or without thumb extension	24 26 34 35 38 44 54 58 65	0 3 4 7 8	170	\$138.42	N	Y	1 Year	R	\$3.00		
Change	E0277	P	Powered pressure-reducing air mattress							5 Years			Life expectancy added	
Change	K0458	R	Heavy duty walker, w/o wheels, each (for recipient over 300 lbs)			170	\$1.21						Max fee reduced	
Change	L2415	P	Addition to knee joint; cam lock (Swiss, French, Bail types), each joint			170	\$78.52						Max fee reduced	
Change	L2425	P	Addition to knee joint; disc or dial lock for adjustable knee flexion, each joint			170	\$92.65						Max fee reduced	
Change	L2430	P	Addition to knee joint; ratchet lock for active and progressive knee extension, each joint			170	\$92.65						Max fee increased	
Change	W6813	P	Specialized hydraulic or battery-operated bath lift										Description revised	
Delete	W6808	P R	Communicator, including accessories											E1900