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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

AIDS/HIV information and resources for providers

This *Update* features information on universal counseling and voluntary HIV testing of pregnant women, prenatal care coordination (PNCC), and resources available to providers and patients through the Division of Public Health's Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program, Wisconsin Medicaid, and other organizations. Providers are encouraged to have pregnant women seek HIV counseling and voluntary testing.

Medicaid's role in HIV-related health care

Medicaid plays a key role in the delivery of HIV-related services; it is the largest source of financing for HIV health care services in the United States.¹ Wisconsin Medicaid covers medically necessary AIDS/HIV counseling, testing, treatment, medications, and/or laboratory services for Medicaid-eligible persons. Wisconsin Medicaid also covers case management services for persons diagnosed with HIV infection.

As mortality rates among HIV-infected persons continue to decline, increasing numbers of persons will rely on Medicaid as their primary source of financing HIV health care. For this reason, Wisconsin Medicaid encourages providers to utilize the resources discussed in this *Update* to assist their patients who either

have HIV infection or are at risk for HIV infection.

Universal counseling and voluntary HIV testing of pregnant women

Universal counseling and voluntary HIV testing of pregnant women is now a standard of clinical practice and has been a priority for the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program and the federal government for several years. In 1994, a National Institutes of Health AIDS Clinical Trial demonstrated that AZT (zidovudine) could reduce perinatal HIV transmission from some infected women to their newborn infants by as much as two-thirds. For this reason, Wisconsin Medicaid strongly recommends that providers encourage every pregnant woman to seek HIV counseling and voluntary testing.

The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program has developed educational materials for providers and consumers on this important subject. These materials include consumer prenatal HIV education brochures published in English, Spanish, and Hmong. Further information on the availability of professional educational materials and/or consumer prenatal HIV education brochures can be obtained from the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program at (608) 267-5287.

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The federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has also developed prenatal HIV educational materials for consumers and health care providers. Additional information on these materials can be obtained by visiting the HCFA Internet Web site at www.hcfa.gov/HIV/.

Prenatal care coordination and healthy babies

Wisconsin Medicaid offers a special case management program for pregnant women called prenatal care coordination (PNCC). The program is offered to women assessed to be at risk for a poor birth outcome. Prenatal care coordination helps pregnant women get the support and services they need to have a healthy baby. Prenatal care coordination providers are available in almost every county and are a valuable resource for pregnant women with, or at risk for, HIV.

Wisconsin Medicaid encourages providers to refer Medicaid-eligible pregnant women with HIV infection to a PNCC provider. Services covered under PNCC include the following:

- *Outreach.* A PNCC staff member screens the woman to determine whether she may be eligible.
- *Risk assessment.* A care coordinator uses a uniform tool that includes questions related to the woman's risk for AIDS/HIV.
- *Individualized care plan.* A care coordinator develops an individualized plan of care to address the needs and problems identified in the assessment.
- *Care coordination and referral.* A care coordinator provides the woman with information about necessary health and community services. In addition, the coordinator can assist in arranging and accessing those services.

- *Follow up and monitoring.* A coordinator ensures that the woman is keeping her appointments, complying with the advice of her medical provider, and obtaining referred services.
- *Health education and nutrition counseling.* These services are available for women with an identified need.

Pregnant women with HIV infection are dealing with complex emotional, family, and personal health issues. The prenatal care coordinator plays a vital role in helping to ensure that pregnant women obtain all necessary services in a timely, organized, and non-fragmented way. The care coordinator is an important link between a pregnant woman and her medical and community services providers. To refer a pregnant woman to a PNCC provider in her area, have her contact her local health department or call the Maternal and Child Health Hotline at (800) 722-2295 or Recipient Services at (800) 362-3002.

Resources

For further information and resources, refer to the following Attachments to this *Update*:

- Attachment 1 lists important Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program resources.
- Attachment 2 lists local and national AIDS/HIV resources.
- Attachment 3 lists AIDS Service Organization (ASO) regions in Wisconsin. ✦

¹ T. Westmoreland, *Medicaid and HIV/AIDS policy: a basic primer*, (Washington, D.C.: The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 1999) 9.

Prenatal care coordination helps pregnant women get the support and services they need to have a healthy baby.

What's new on the Medicaid Web site

The Wisconsin Medicaid Web site includes provider and recipient publications, Medicaid contacts and statistics, and eligibility and benefit information. You may visit the Medicaid Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.

The following is a list of what has recently been added to the Medicaid Web site:

- November 2000 *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update*.
- Updated Medicaid and BadgerCare caseload statistics.
- PDF versions of the following service-specific handbooks:
 - ✓ Part Q, Division I, Ambulance.
 - ✓ Part H, Division V & VI, Community Support Program.
 - ✓ Part H, Division III, Medical Day Treatment.
 - ✓ Part H, Division I, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Providers: Clinics and Psychiatrists and Psychologists in Private Practice.
 - ✓ Part H, Division II, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Providers: County Owned and Operated Clinics.

- ✓ Part T, Division II, Nurse Practitioner Services.
- ✓ Part Y, Nursing Home.
- ✓ Part J, Pharmacy Services (including replacement pages through September 2000).
- ✓ Part P, Division II, Physical Therapy.
- ✓ Part H, Division IV, Substance Abuse Day Treatment.
- ✓ Part R, Vision Care Services.

Keep in mind that if you do not have a computer with Internet access, many libraries have access available. ✦

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/.

ATTACHMENT 1

Resources in the Division of Public Health

Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program

The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program (Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services) is responsible for coordinating the Wisconsin public health response to the HIV epidemic. The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program manages a variety of programs that support HIV care and treatment as well as prevention services. Following are highlights of select program areas that can assist health care providers and persons with HIV infection.

Wisconsin HIV Surveillance Program

The HIV Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation Program in the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program monitors reported cases of HIV infection and AIDS. It compiles epidemiologic information and actively solicits case reports through established contacts with laboratories, clinicians, and health care facilities.

Wisconsin Statute s. 252.15 requires confidential, name-associated reporting of confirmed cases of HIV infection and AIDS to the state epidemiologist. Case reports are submitted to the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program by private physicians, hospitals, clinics, ambulatory care facilities, sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinics, the Wisconsin correctional system, family planning clinics, perinatal clinics, tribal health clinics, blood and plasma centers, military entrance processing stations, and laboratories performing HIV testing.

HIV counseling and testing

HIV counseling and testing services are critically important in the early identification of HIV infection, in directing HIV-infected persons to needed health and support services, and in providing prevention counseling services to persons at risk for HIV infection.

HIV testing occurs in a variety of settings in Wisconsin, including medical clinics, hospitals, and publicly funded counseling and testing sites. Primary care providers play a key role in the diagnosis and management of HIV infection in Wisconsin; physicians in the private sector identify approximately 80% of HIV infections in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program has published guidelines for HIV testing and to support the role of primary care clinicians in the early identification of HIV infection.¹

For clients who are at high risk for HIV infection and would not otherwise receive HIV testing through a primary care provider, the Wisconsin Division of Public Health subsidizes publicly funded HIV testing. This testing occurs in local health departments, STD clinics, family planning agencies, tribal health clinics, community health centers, AIDS service organizations, minority community-based organizations, and other private nonprofit agencies. Clients receive risk assessment, personalized risk reduction education, free or low-cost testing, and referral for medical and supportive services. Information on the location of publicly funded HIV counseling and testing sites is available through the Internet Web pages of the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aids-hiv/index.htm and the Wisconsin AIDSline at (800) 334-AIDS (toll-free) or (414) 273-AIDS (in Milwaukee).

Wisconsin HIV Partner Counseling and Referral Services Program

Since its inception in 1988, the HIV Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS) Program, formerly known as Partner Notification, has been an important prevention strategy. The HIV PCRS Program offers HIV-infected

persons the following:

- Counseling with a public health professional.
- Assistance with the confidential notification of sexual and needle-sharing partners.
- Access to free, voluntary, and confidential counseling.
- Referral for medical care, case management, support, and other related services.

For additional information on the Wisconsin HIV PCRS Program, contact Denise Johnson at (608) 267-5288.

Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Drug Reimbursement Program

The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Drug Reimbursement Program (ADRP), authorized by s. 49.686, Wis. Stats., is designed to maintain the health and independence of persons living with HIV infection in Wisconsin by providing access to antiretroviral drugs and HIV-related prophylactic medications.

To be eligible to receive benefits under the ADRP, an individual must:

- Live in Wisconsin.
- Have HIV infection, confirmed by a physician.
- Have no or insufficient third-party payment.
- Have a family income that does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

The ADRP monitors the formulary to ensure consistency with current standards of HIV care. For additional information about the ADRP, contact the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program at (608) 267-6875 or (800) 991-5532.

Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Program

The AIDS/HIV Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Program helps persons with HIV maintain access to health insurance when they reduce their work hours, take unpaid medical leave, or terminate employment. The program does this by subsidizing (covering all or part of the cost of)

policy premiums. The program began in state fiscal year 1991 and is currently authorized under ss. 252.16 and 252.17, Wis. Stats. To be eligible, an individual must:

- Live in Wisconsin.
- Have family income that does not exceed 300% of the FPL.
- Have a doctor certify that the individual has HIV infection and had to quit work, reduce work hours, or take an unpaid medical leave from employment due to an HIV-related medical condition.
- Have or be eligible for health insurance coverage under a group health plan or an individual health plan.

Individuals with income between 201% and 300% of the FPL are required to cover 3% of the cost of their annual premium.

For additional information on the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Program, contact Janice Lipsey at (800) 991-5532 or (608) 261-6952.

Resource materials from the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program

The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program has a variety of printed resource materials available to service providers. For a complete listing and printable order form, please refer to the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program Web pages at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aids-hiv/resources/AIDS-HIV-resources.htm (select “Resource Materials from Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program”). Individuals can also request a copy of the order form by contacting the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program at (608) 267-5287.

¹ James Vergeront, William Reiser, K.A. Krchnavek, J.K. Druckenmiller, and J.P. Davis, “Meeting the challenge of early identification of HIV infection in primary care,” *Wisconsin Medical Journal* (97[11], 1998) 52-61. Copies of this article are available upon request from the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program at (608) 267-5287.

ATTACHMENT 2

Local and National AIDS/HIV Resources

Wisconsin AIDS service organizations and community-based organizations

Since 1986, a statewide network of AIDS service organizations (ASOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) have been funded by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services to address HIV prevention and case management needs of Wisconsin residents. Case managers assist clients to obtain services such as medical, dental, and mental health care; financial assistance; legal assistance; practical and emotional support; and housing assistance. Funds administered by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program and contracted to ASOs and CBOs support local agencies in conducting activities discussed below in the areas of prevention education and risk reduction services, life care services and early intervention, and Ryan White consortia. The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program Internet Web pages at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aids-hiv/index.htm contain more detailed information on these programs.

Office locations, telephone numbers, and a map of designated Wisconsin AIDS services are listed in Attachment 3 of this *Update*.

Other Wisconsin resources

Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support Network

The Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support Network is a collaborative effort between Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Medical College of Wisconsin, Marshfield Clinic, and University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital. The Support Network focuses its efforts on families of HIV-infected children, adolescents, and women. A team of physicians, nurses, and social workers support local health care providers in delivering comprehensive, culturally competent, family-centered, coordinated care in a family's home community. Network staff provide education and training, assistance with care coordination, and ongoing

consultation to health care providers. For more information, contact the Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support Network at (414) 456-4162.

Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium

The Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium (WARC) is a statewide AIDS/HIV research organization dedicated to providing access to clinical drug trials for people with HIV throughout Wisconsin. The WARC is composed of Wisconsin's leading AIDS/HIV physicians and experienced clinical staff. The consortium works with physicians throughout Wisconsin in order to make clinical drug trials directly accessible in both urban and rural areas. For further information, visit the WARC Internet Web site at www.arcw.org/Research/index.html or contact WARC at (414) 225-1504.

Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center – Wisconsin Site

The Wisconsin site of the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC) provides HIV-related education and training to health professionals through conferences, seminars, preceptorship programs, and educational activities. It is a joint project between the University of Wisconsin Medical School and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and is part of a Midwest regional network of educational and training programs for health professionals coordinated by the University of Illinois in Chicago. For more information on MATEC activities and resources in Wisconsin, visit the MATEC Internet Web site at www.arcw.org/TrainingEducation/index.html#MATEC or contact Theresa Lenaghan at (608) 258-9103, ext. 15.

Wisconsin AIDS Library

The Wisconsin AIDS Library, located at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, is a

statewide resource for AIDS and HIV information. The Wisconsin AIDS Library has a collection of over 1,000 books, periodicals, videos, and an extensive clipping file on a wide range of topics related to AIDS and HIV. Many library materials can be obtained by mail and requests for online research can be made by telephone. To contact the Wisconsin AIDS Library, call (800) 359-9272, ext. 239, or (414) 225-1539 in Milwaukee.

Wisconsin AIDSline

The Wisconsin AIDSline is a toll-free service that offers quick answers to questions relating to AIDS and HIV. The line is staffed by adult volunteers during business hours Monday through Friday and is forwarded to the National Sexually Transmitted Disease Hotline during evenings and weekends. The Wisconsin AIDSline phone numbers are (800) 334-AIDS (toll-free) or (414) 273-AIDS.

Wisconsin educational resources

In addition to the prevention education resources in ASOs and CBOs, local chapters of the American Red Cross have print and video educational materials and can assist in locating speakers to address community groups. Refer to the yellow pages of local phone directories to contact the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Local Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) offices of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction ((608) 266-0963) have information regarding school curricula and materials for educating children and adolescents.

Select national information and referral sources

HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service

The HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS) is a federally supported information clearinghouse that serves as a repository for federally approved treatment guidelines for HIV and AIDS. Staffed by multilingual health information specialists, ATIS answers questions on HIV treatment options using a broad network of federal, national, and community-based information resources.

Contact ATIS at (800) 448-0440 or visit the ATIS Internet Web site at www.hivatis.org/.

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS) is a federally sponsored agency that provides current information on federally and privately sponsored clinical drug trials for persons with AIDS and HIV infection. Contact information: (800) TRIALS-A or (800) 874-2572 (toll-free phone); (888) 480-3739 (toll-free TTY); www.actis.org (Internet Web site).

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Division of HIV-AIDS Prevention

The Division of HIV-AIDS Prevention (DHAP) is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) lead agency responsible for coordinating and directing AIDS/HIV prevention and surveillance programs and activities. The DHAP's Internet Web site www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm includes: basic AIDS/HIV-related statistics, conference information, funding opportunities, consumer-oriented health information, links to other sites, media campaign materials, publications and other resources, slides and graphics, and training information. This site also includes AIDS/HIV-related reprints from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) and access to the AIDS Daily News Summaries through the National Prevention Information Network.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Prevention Information Network

The National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) is the information clearinghouse on AIDS/HIV, STD, and TB resources and information. It is sponsored by the CDC and includes databases on organizations, educational materials, funding opportunities, news from scientific journals and the general media, conferences, periodicals, and federal press releases. Contact the NPIN at (800) 458-5231 (telephone), (800) 243-7012 (TDD), or on their Internet Web site: www.cdcnpin.org/.

ATTACHMENT 3

Wisconsin AIDS Service Organizations

Regional Offices Designated Wisconsin AIDS Service Organizations			
Northern Region			
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	1105 Grand Ave., Suite 3 Schofield, WI 54476	(715) 355-6867 (715) 355-0640 (Fax)	
Northeastern Region			
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	824 S. Broadway Green Bay, WI 54304	(920) 437-7400 (920) 437-1040 (Fax)	(800) 675-9400
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	120 N. Morrison St., Suite 201 Appleton, WI 54911	(920) 733-2068 (920) 733-7786 (Fax)	(800) 773-2068
Western Region			
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	505 Dewey St. South, Suite 107 Eau Claire, WI 54701	(715) 836-7710 (715) 836-9844 (Fax)	(800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., Suite 420, La Crosse, WI 54601	(608) 785-9866 (608) 784-6661 (Fax)	
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	Board of Trade Building, 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior, WI 54880	(715) 394-4009 (715) 394-4066 (Fax)	(877) 242-0282
Southern Region			
AIDS Network	600 Williamson St. Madison, WI 53703	(608) 252-6540 (608) 252-6559 (Fax)	(800) 486-6276
AIDS Network	101 Milwaukee St., #96 Janesville, WI 53545	(608) 756-2550 (608) 756-2545 (Fax)	(800) 486-6276
AIDS Network	830 Broad St. Beloit, WI 53511	(608) 756-2550	(800) 426-6276
Southeastern Region			
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	820 N. Plankinton Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53203	(414) 273-1991 (414) 273-2357 (Fax)	(800) 359-9272
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	1212 57th St. Kenosha, WI 53140	(262) 657-6644 (262) 657-6949 (Fax)	(800) 924-6601

