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Allowable Medicaid-covered procedure codes expanded for nurse practitioners

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2001, Wisconsin Medicaid has expanded the range of covered procedure codes for Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners.

Procedure codes expanded

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2001, Wisconsin Medicaid has expanded the range of Medicaid-covered medical services for which nurse practitioners may submit claims. The following requirements for nurse practitioners remain in effect:

- Services performed are within legal scope of practice as defined under the Wisconsin Board of Nursing licensure or certification.
- Services performed are included in the individual nurse practitioner's protocols or a collaborative relationship with a physician as defined by the Board of Nursing.
- Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners who work under the general supervision of a physician are required to be supervised only to the extent required pursuant to Board of Nursing Chapter N 6.02(7), Wis. Admin. Code. (Chapter N 6 defines general supervision as the regular coordination, direction, and inspection of the practice of another and does *not* require the physician to be on site.)
- Pursuant to Board of Nursing Ch. N 8.10(7), Wis. Admin. Code, advanced

practice nurse prescribers work in a collaborative relationship with a physician. (The collaborative relationship means an advanced practice nurse prescriber works with a physician, "in each other's presence when necessary, to deliver health care services within the scope of the practitioner's professional expertise.")

Please note, these requirements apply to Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners only. They do not apply to non-Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners whose services are reimbursable under a physician's Medicaid provider number.

Noncovered services for nurse practitioners

The following services will continue to be noncovered by Wisconsin Medicaid when provided by nurse practitioners:

- Mental health and substance abuse services (refer to the Mental Health and Other Drug Abuse Services Handbook and related *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates* for information regarding certification and covered services).

- Services provided to nursing home residents or hospital inpatients when they are included in the calculation of the daily rates for a nursing home or hospital.
- Dispensing durable medical equipment.

Services provided by non-Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners are considered by Wisconsin Medicaid to be “ancillary services” and are subject to “direct, immediate, on-site” supervision requirements as stated in HFS 107.06(1), Wis. Admin. Code.

Refer to physician services Medicaid publications

Refer to the following publications for more information:

- Physician Services Maximum Allowable Fee Schedule.
- Physician Services Handbook.
- *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates*.

These publications are available on the Medicaid Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/. Providers without Internet access may call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 for copies of publications.

Nurse practitioners may be restricted by legal scope of practice, protocols, or collaboration from performing some of the procedures included in these publications.

Managed care providers

This *Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

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.

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