

Wisconsin Medicaid update and BadgerCare

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

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Certification required for nurse practitioners who treat Medicaid recipients

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2001, nurse practitioners who treat Medicaid recipients are required to be Medicaid certified. This applies to nurse practitioners whose services are reimbursed under a physician's or clinic's Medicaid provider number, as well as to those who independently submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid. This does not apply to ancillary providers who practice under direct on-site supervision.

Wisconsin Medicaid requires nurse practitioners to become Medicaid certified

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2001, nurse practitioners who treat Medicaid recipients and whose services are reimbursed under a physician's provider number are required to be Medicaid certified. Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners will be required to indicate their provider number on the same claim as the performing or billing provider.

Services provided by other nurses who do not meet Medicaid nurse practitioner certification requirements may be reimbursed as services provided by ancillary providers. Refer to the "Ancillary providers" section of this *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* for more information about the on-site supervision requirement for ancillary providers.

Note: The new requirements *do not* apply to:

- *Nurse practitioners working in a family planning clinic.* Wisconsin Medicaid-certified family planning clinics are not required to indicate a performing provider on their claims.
- *Psychiatric nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists.* Neither specialty is eligible for Medicaid certification as nurse practitioners.

Family planning clinics and psychiatric nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists should refer to their service-specific handbook and related *Updates* for information on covered services and related limitations.

Claims submission instructions

Nurse practitioners are required to use the following claims submission instructions appropriate to his or her billing situation. Refer to the Claims Submission section of the All-Provider Handbook and your service-specific handbook for more information on claims submission.

Nurse practitioners who submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid as performing providers through a physician or clinic

Nurse practitioners who submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid as performing providers are required to indicate their own provider number in Element 24K of the HCFA 1500 claim form. The billing provider number of the physician or clinic must be indicated in Element 33.

Nurse practitioners who independently submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid

Nurse practitioners who submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid directly for services must indicate their provider number in Element 33 as the billing provider. It is not necessary to indicate anything in Element 24K.

Nurse practitioner Medicaid certification

Nurse practitioners may be eligible for Medicaid certification if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Pediatric nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, or other nurse practitioner *and* certified by one of the following national certifying organizations recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing:
 - ✓ American Nurses Credentialing Center.
 - ✓ National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses.
 - ✓ American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.
 - ✓ National Certification Corporation (for Obstetric, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing Specialists).
- Master's prepared nurse in a clinical nurse specialty other than mental health (e.g., nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner).

Nurse midwife Medicaid certification

A master's prepared nurse midwife is eligible to be Medicaid certified as a nurse practitioner. Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners have a broader range of Medicaid-allowable services for which they may be reimbursed and receive higher reimbursement. Nurse midwives who are not educated at the master's level are Medicaid certified as independent nurses with a specialty of nurse midwife.

Advanced practice nurse prescriber Medicaid certification

Advanced practice nurse prescribers who apply for Medicaid certification are certified as nurse practitioners (except certified registered nurse anesthetists).

How to become Medicaid certified

Nurses who have questions about becoming Medicaid certified should call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883. Refer to the Provider Certification section of the All-Provider Handbook for general Medicaid certification information.

Providers must have their certification finalized before they submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid for services.

HealthCheck certification

Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners with specialties of certified pediatric nurse practitioner and certified family nurse practitioner are automatically certified as HealthCheck providers at the time of initial Wisconsin Medicaid certification and re-certification. Nurse practitioners with other specialties who are interested in becoming HealthCheck providers should write to:

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Services provided by non-Medicaid-certified nurse practitioners are considered by Medicaid to be “ancillary services.”

HealthCheck is Wisconsin Medicaid’s federally mandated program known nationally as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) (see 42 CFR Part 441, Code of Fed. Reg.). HealthCheck is a comprehensive health screening that includes review of growth and development, identification of potential physical or developmental problems, preventive health education, and referral assistance to appropriate providers. HealthCheck is available to all Medicaid recipients under age 21.

For more information, nurse practitioners may refer to the HealthCheck Screener Handbook and *Updates* they receive at the time of certification. Providers may also access these publications from 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.

Ancillary Providers

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.

Services provided by ancillary providers (e.g., dietary counselors, nutritionists, health educators, genetic counselors, and nurse practitioners who are not Medicaid certified) are reimbursed only if provided under the *direct, immediate, on-site* supervision of a physician as part of a physician evaluation and

management (E&M) visit. (Nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and nurse anesthetists who are Medicaid certified should refer to the Physician Handbook for billing information.)

“On-site” means that the supervising physician is in the same office or suite in which services are being provided and is immediately available for consultation or, in the case of emergencies, for direct intervention. The physician is not required to be in the same room as the ancillary provider, unless dictated by medical necessity and good medical practice.

Submit claims performed by ancillary providers under the supervising physician’s provider number using the appropriate *Current Procedural Terminology* code.

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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