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Medicaid reimbursement for required newborn screening

Wisconsin Medicaid now covers the cost of the pre-paid filter paper cards in addition to the laboratory handling fee for newborn screenings provided outside a hospital setting.

Newborn screenings

Providers are required to test newborns for certain congenital and metabolic disorders, per s. 253.13, Wis. Stats. These tests require a pre-paid filter paper card purchased from the State Laboratory of Hygiene. Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses providers for purchasing the pre-paid filter paper cards and the laboratory handling fee for newborn screenings performed outside a hospital setting.

Coverage and reimbursement procedures

The following is a list of the *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) codes with allowable places of service (POS) and/or types of service (TOS) and instructions for submitting claims to Wisconsin Medicaid for Medicaid-covered newborn screening services.

- 86849 — Unlisted immunology procedure.
 - ✓ Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses this procedure code for pre-paid filter paper cards purchased from the State Laboratory of Hygiene.

- ✓ This procedure code is allowable in POS 3 (doctor's office) or POS 4 (home) for TOS 5 (diagnostic laboratory — total charge).
- ✓ In Element 19 of the HCFA 1500 claim form enter "Newborn screening state lab card" or attach documentation to a paper claim to indicate the claim is for a pre-paid filter paper card for newborn screening purchased from the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.
- 99000 — Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from the physician's office to a laboratory.
 - ✓ Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses this procedure code for the transfer of the specimen from the physician's office to the State Laboratory of Hygiene.
 - ✓ Physicians and nurse practitioners use TOS 5 (diagnostic lab — total charge) and certified nurse midwives who are not certified as nurse practitioners use TOS 9 (other) for this procedure code.
 - ✓ Physicians and nurse practitioners must check the "outside lab" box "Yes" (Element 20 on HCFA 1500 claim form).

- ✓ Indicate a quantity of 1.0 since the specimen is going to only one lab.
- 99001 — Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from the patient in other than a physician’s office to a laboratory.
 - ✓ Wisconsin Medicaid covers this procedure code for the transfer of the specimen from a location other than a physician’s office to the State Laboratory of Hygiene.
 - ✓ Physicians and nurse practitioners use TOS 5 (diagnostic lab — total charge) and certified nurse midwives who are not certified as nurse practitioners use TOS 9 (other) for this procedure code.
 - ✓ Physicians and nurse practitioners must check the “outside lab” box “Yes” (Element 20 on HCFA 1500 claim form).
 - ✓ Indicate a quantity of 1.0 since the specimen is going to only one lab.

Managed care providers

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare 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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