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Searchable Disposable Medical Supplies Index now available online

The Wisconsin Medicaid Web site now enables providers to search the Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS) Index by category or code.

Methods for searching the online Disposable Medical Supplies Index

Providers are now able to search the Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS) Index/ Maximum Allowable Fee Schedule using an interactive search engine on the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site. The DMS Index contains procedure codes and coverage and limitation information necessary for submitting claims to Wisconsin Medicaid. The online DMS Index allows providers to search by:

- *Category.* Providers may choose a category of supplies from a list. Examples of these categories include diabetic, colostomy, tracheostomy, and dressings.

- *Code.* Providers may enter the HCFA Common Procedure Coding System code or the Wisconsin Medicaid local code, for which they are searching, to bring up the DMS information specific to that code.

In addition to these search methods, providers may bring up the entire index, in code order, by entering the "%" sign in the "Search for" field under the Search by Code function.

By clicking on the heading names in the online DMS Index, providers can read definitions of each index table heading. When a table heading is clicked, a box appears with a description of that column's values.

Benefits of the online Disposable Medical Supplies Index

The primary benefits of the online DMS Index are speed and ease of use. Rather than searching through DMS paper listings, providers are able to bring up the information they need by choosing a category or entering a code.

The online DMS Index provides current information. The online index contains the same information found in the paper DMS Index, with additional fields for category and copayment, and is updated concurrently with the paper version. Providers may print either an entire copy or a specific category of the online index.

Accessing the online Disposable Medical Supplies Index

To access the online DMS Index, visit the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site at *www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid5/dms/ index.htm.* Then select the link marked "online Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS) Index."

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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