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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

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Specialized medical vehicle and school-based transportation services coverage clarification

Wisconsin Medicaid will not reimburse specialized medical vehicle (SMV) providers for transporting a child to school or another location to receive Individualized Education Program (IEP) medical services when that transportation is in the child's IEP.

provider, an SMV provider cannot bill Wisconsin Medicaid for IEP transportation services. Refer to the Attachment of this *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* for more information on when transportation services should be billed as SBS versus SMV services.

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/.

Transportation services included in a child's Individualized Education Program

As stated in 107.36(1)(h), Wis. Admin. Code, Wisconsin Medicaid will not directly reimburse specialized medical vehicle (SMV) providers for transporting a child to school or another location to receive Individualized Education Program (IEP) medical services when that transportation *is* in the child's IEP.

An IEP is a written statement for a child with a disability that is developed, reviewed, and revised by a school district or Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) in accordance with s. 115.787, Wis. Stats. The IEP guides the delivery of a school's special education supports and services for a child with a disability.

When specialized transportation services are in a child's IEP, the child's school district or CESA is responsible for submitting transportation claims to Wisconsin Medicaid for the service under the school-based services (SBS) benefit. Even if a school district is not a Medicaid

Transportation services *not* included in a child's individualized education program

Wisconsin Medicaid may reimburse SMV providers for transporting a child from and back to school for a medical appointment, such as a doctor's appointment, when the medical care and transportation are *not* in the child's IEP. When transportation services are not in a child's IEP, the SMV provider is responsible for following all Medicaid policies and procedures including submitting claims directly to Wisconsin Medicaid for services.

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.

ATTACHMENT

Transportation billing scenarios for specialized medical vehicle services versus school-based services

The following scenarios describe when Wisconsin Medicaid considers transportation services as specialized medical vehicle (SMV) services versus school-based services (SBS).

Specialized medical vehicle provider billing

Specialized medical vehicle providers should submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid under the SMV transportation benefit in the following circumstances:

- The service is not specified in the recipient's Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Transportation to and from the medical service is not in the IEP.
- The SBS provider is not responsible for the cost of transportation for the student (e.g., transportation to non-IEP medical appointments).

Specialized medical vehicle providers should *not* submit claims under the SMV transportation benefit in the following circumstances:

- Special transportation accommodations are listed in the IEP.
- The SBS provider pays for out-of-school appointments listed in the IEP.

School-Based Services provider billing

School-Based Services providers should submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid for transportation under the SBS benefit in the following circumstances:

- The transportation services are documented in the IEP.
- Specialized transportation accommodations are medically necessary.
- The SBS provider is financially responsible to provide transportation.

School-Based Services providers should *not* submit claims for transportation under the SBS benefit in the following circumstances:

- Transportation services are not specifically documented in the IEP.
- Accommodations for transportation are not specialized (e.g., transportation services in a normal school bus).
- The service to which the recipient is being transported is not in the IEP.
- There are no medical IEP services provided on the day of transportation.