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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:

All Providers

HMOs and Other
Managed Care
Programs

Definition of outpatient hospital services

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* reiterates the current definition of outpatient hospital services. Only a facility that is approved by the Bureau of Quality Assurance (BQA) as a hospital receives the outpatient rate-per-visit reimbursement.

Outpatient hospital services

Wisconsin Medicaid outpatient hospital services are reimbursed at a rate per visit. Outpatient rate-per-visit reimbursement is paid only for services provided in a facility that is approved by the Bureau of Quality Assurance (BQA) as a hospital as defined in HFS 107.08(1)(b), Wis. Admin. Code. Claims for services provided outside a Medicaid-certified and BQA-approved hospital must be submitted under a separate Medicaid provider number using the claim form appropriate to the type of Medicaid service and provider category. For example, a freestanding facility that provides services on the same property as a Medicaid-certified hospital, or a free-standing facility that is affiliated with a Medicaid-certified hospital, must submit claims under its own Medicaid provider number, not under a Medicaid hospital provider number as outpatient hospital services.

Definition of hospital facility

Wisconsin Medicaid defines “hospital facility” as the physical entity surveyed and then granted a certificate of approval by BQA under Ch. 50, Wis. Stats. The BQA facility approval survey

covers the building that the hospital identifies as constituting its operation. This building must meet strict fire and life safety codes and administrative and program standards specifically required by the Department of Health and Family Services for hospitals.

Information regarding Medicaid HMOs

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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