

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare update

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:
All Providers
HMOs and Other
Managed Care
Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid will inform trading partners of changes to companion documents

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- Post the revised companion document on the Medicaid Web site.
- Post a message on the banner page of the Remittance and Status (R/S) Report.
- Send an e-mail message to trading partners who have an e-mail address on file with Wisconsin Medicaid.

Reviewing companion documents

Providers are encouraged to watch for the revised companion documents. If the changes that are identified in the companion document are not incorporated by the trading partner, transactions may not process successfully (e.g., claims may deny, claims may process incorrectly).

A revision log located at the front of the revised companion document will list the changes that have been made. The date on the companion document will reflect the last date the companion document was revised. In addition, the version number located in the footer of the first page will be changed.

Terms and definitions

Trading partner — A trading partner is a covered entity that exchanges electronic health care transactions as mandated by HIPAA. Trading partners are:

- Billing providers who exchange electronic transactions directly with Wisconsin Medicaid.
- Billing services and clearinghouses that exchange electronic transactions directly with Wisconsin Medicaid on behalf of a billing provider.

Companion documents — Companion documents provide Wisconsin Medicaid-specific information that should be used with HIPAA Implementation Guides.

Implementation Guides define the electronic format and values for each data element within an electronic transaction.

Informing trading partners of changes to companion documents

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- Post the revised companion document on the Medicaid Web site. Trading partners are encouraged to check the Medicaid Web site *weekly* at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.
- Post a message on the banner page of the Remittance and Status Report.
- Send an e-mail message to trading partners who have an e-mail address on file with Wisconsin Medicaid.

Obtaining information

For questions about this *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update*, providers may call the Wisconsin Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) helpdesk at (608) 221-9036 or send an e-mail message to wiedi@dhfs.state.wi.us.

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/.