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Interactive Durable Medical Equipment Index now available

The Wisconsin Medicaid Web site now has an interactive Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Index. A key feature is that it gives users the ability to search the DME Index by:
- Procedure code.
- Type of service (TOS).
- Description or keyword.
- Place of service (POS).
- Category.
- Subcategory.
- Provider type.

The interactive DME Index is located at *www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.*

Interactive Durable Medical Equipment Index

The Wisconsin Medicaid Web site now has an interactive Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Index. Users are able to search the DME Index/Maximum Allowable Fee Schedule using an interactive search engine on the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site. The DME Index contains procedure codes as well as coverage and limitation information that is necessary when submitting claims to Wisconsin Medicaid. The interactive DME Index allows users to search by:

- *Procedure code.* Users may enter the procedure code for which they are searching to obtain coverage information specific to that code.

- *Type of service*[*]. Selecting both boxes ("Purchase" and "Rental") or leaving them blank allows providers to access all items that are available for purchase and rental. Selecting "Purchase" will only list items that are available for purchase. Selecting "Rental" will only list items that are available to rent.

- *Description or keyword.* Users may enter a keyword to receive a list of equipment; however, a code will only be accessed if the keyword is part of the procedure code description. For example, using the keyword "bed" will only access codes that have "bed" in their descriptions.

- *Place of service (POS)*[*]. Users may select one or more POS to refine their search.

- *Category.* Users may select a category of equipment from the list. Category examples include wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories, home health equipment, and respiratory equipment.

- *Subcategory.* Users may select a subcategory of equipment from a list. Subcategory examples include "Wheelchair — Lightweight" and "Wheelchair — Heavy Duty" under the category "Wheelchairs and Wheelchair Accessories."

- *Provider type*[*]. Users may select a provider type(s) from a list to find all the codes for which that provider type(s) may be reimbursed.

Users may select any combination of the search methods listed above to narrow the search. Or if they prefer, users may bring up the entire index by clicking "Search" without entering any criteria.

By selecting one of the heading names listed in the interactive DME Index, users may read definitions of each index table heading. When a table heading is selected, a box appears with a description of that column's values.

Results page of the interactive Durable Medical Equipment Index

After selecting criteria for a search, users will receive a page that lists the results of that search. The results page lists all the procedure codes (plus descriptions, effective dates, and maximum fees) found by the search. To obtain details about a specific code, providers should select "Details" next to the procedure code.

Detail page of the interactive Durable Medical Equipment Index

Selecting "Details" will take users to another page with more detail about the specific procedure code. In addition to the code, code description, effective date, and maximum fee, providers will find information regarding, but not limited to:

- Copayment.
- Life expectancy of the device.

- Place of service.
- Prior authorization.
- Provider type(s).
- Type of service.

Benefits of the interactive Durable Medical Equipment Index

The primary benefits of the interactive DME Index are speed and ease of use. For example, rather than searching through DME paper listings item by item, users are able to bring up the information by selecting a search method listed above. In addition, users may choose to print a specific category of the interactive index rather than print an entire copy.

Accessing the interactive Durable Medical Equipment Index

To access the interactive DME Index, visit the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site at *www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/* and do the following:

- Select the "Providers" link from the Medicaid main menu at the top of the page.
- Under "References/Tools," select the "Fee Schedules" link.
- Select the link marked "Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Index."
- Then select the link marked "Searchable Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Index allows providers to search for Medicaid-covered equipment."
- Select the link marked "Begin using the interactive Durable Medical Equipment Index."

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[*]   Users may hold down the "Ctrl" key and right-click with their mouse to select multiple choices within this search.

Information regarding Medicaid HMOs

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.

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/*.