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Specialized medical vehicle documentation policy change for new vehicles

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.

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Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after May 1, 2003, Medicaid-certified specialized medical vehicle (SMV) providers with a new business vehicle may transport recipients *as soon as* the vehicle is insured and inspected as required under chs. HFS 105.39 and Trans 301, Wis. Admin. Code. However, Wisconsin Medicaid must receive the inspection and insurance verification documentation within 14 calendar days of the first DOS.

New documentation policy change for reporting business changes

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after May 1, 2003, Medicaid-certified specialized medical vehicle (SMV) providers with a new business vehicle may transport recipients *as soon as* the vehicle is insured and inspected by the Wisconsin State Patrol as required under chs. HFS 105.39 and Trans 301, Wis. Admin. Code.

However, Wisconsin Medicaid must receive the inspection and insurance verification documentation within 14 calendar days of the first DOS. If the required documentation is not

received within 14 calendar days of the first DOS, providers will have their reimbursement recouped for the trips provided using that new vehicle before Wisconsin Medicaid receives the documentation.

Currently, SMV providers are required to submit vehicle inspection and insurance documentation to Wisconsin Medicaid *before* providing services with the new vehicle. Refer to the Provider Responsibilities section of the Specialized Medical Vehicle Services Handbook for other information about reporting company changes.

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.