

Wisconsin Medicaid update and BadgerCare

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:
All Providers
HMOs and Other
Managed Care
Programs

Announcing Wisconsin Medicaid's companion document for the HIPAA-compliant 835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice

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/.

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The Wisconsin Medicaid companion document for the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant 835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice transaction, commonly referred to as the 835, is now available from Wisconsin Medicaid. Companion documents provide Wisconsin Medicaid-specific information that should be used with the national HIPAA Implementation Guides. Implementation Guides define the electronic format and values for each data element within an electronic transaction. This companion document provides information for interpreting Wisconsin Medicaid's specific claim information on the 835. The 835 is the electronic standard for the transmission of

payment/advice information. The 835 will be effective with the implementation of HIPAA. A future *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* will notify providers of the implementation dates.

Obtaining information

Companion documents are available on the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/. For paper copies of companion documents call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

Implementation Guides may be downloaded from Washington Publishing Company at www.wpc-edi.com/hipaa/HIPAA_40.asp/. To obtain the CD-ROM version call Washington Publishing Company at (800) 972-4334.

Information regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service information and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care HIPAA-related changes, 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.