

To:
All Providers
HMOs and Other
Managed Care
Programs

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Attachments should not be submitted with claims unless specifically requested by Wisconsin Medicaid. Providers should refer to service-specific *Wisconsin Medicaid and*

BadgerCare Updates and handbooks for more information about claims that require attachments.

Information regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service information and applies to providers of services to recipients who have fee-for-service Medicaid. 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.

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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