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This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* introduces important changes to local codes for tuberculosis-related services, effective October 2003, as a result of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). These changes include adopting nationally recognized codes to replace currently used Wisconsin Medicaid local codes.

A future *Update* will notify providers of the specific effective dates for the various changes.

Changes as a result of HIPAA

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* introduces important billing changes for tuberculosis (TB)-related services. These changes will be implemented in October 2003 as a result of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). A future *Update* will notify providers of the specific effective dates for the various changes. These changes are *not* policy or coverage related, but they include adopting nationally recognized procedure codes and place of service (POS) codes to replace currently used Wisconsin Medicaid local codes.

Note: Use of the newly adopted national codes prior to implementation dates may result in claim denials. Specific implementation dates will be published in a future *Update*.

Adoption of national codes

Wisconsin Medicaid will adopt nationally recognized medical codes to replace currently used Wisconsin Medicaid local codes for TB-related services. These codes will be for Wisconsin Medicaid recipients with TB and recipients eligible for the TB-related only services benefit.

Allowable procedure codes

Wisconsin Medicaid will adopt nationally recognized *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes to replace currently used Wisconsin Medicaid local procedure codes (W6271-W6276) for TB-related services. Refer to Attachment 1 of this *Update* for a procedure code conversion chart. Providers will be required to use the appropriate CPT or HCPCS procedure code that describes the service and level of service provided. Keep in mind that the maximum allowable fees listed in Attachment 1 are the proposed fees effective with the implementation of HIPAA, and may be subject to change. Wisconsin Medicaid will notify providers if the fees change from those printed in this *Update*.

Providers should continue to refer to the Guide to Tuberculosis-Related Services Only Benefit

and to their service-specific *Updates* and handbooks for other nationally recognized procedure codes Wisconsin Medicaid covers.

Time units

When billing for a TB-related service with a CPT or HCPCS procedure code, a quantity of one will indicate a complete service. All TB-related services in Attachment 1 will have a limit of one quantity per day. Rates will be adjusted accordingly for the new time units.

Type of service codes

Type of service codes will no longer be required on Medicaid claims.

Place of service codes

Nationally recognized two-digit POS codes will replace the one-digit Wisconsin Medicaid POS codes. Refer to Attachment 2 for a list of allowable POS codes for TB-related services.

Coverage for tuberculosis-related services

Medicaid coverage, such as diagnosis restrictions, and documentation requirements for TB-related services remain unchanged. Refer to your service-specific handbook, the Guide to Tuberculosis-Related Services Only Benefit, and *Updates* for complete Medicaid policies and procedures.

General HIPAA information

Refer to the following Web sites for more HIPAA-related information:

- www.cms.gov/hipaa/ — Includes links to the latest HIPAA news and federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services HIPAA-related links.

- aspe.hhs.gov/admsimp/ — Contains links to proposed and final rules, links to download standards and HIPAA implementation guides, and frequently asked questions regarding HIPAA and the Administrative Simplification provisions.
- www.dhfs.state.wi.us/hipaa/ — Contains Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services HIPAA-related publications, a list of HIPAA acronyms, links to related Web sites, and other valuable HIPAA information.

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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. Since HIPAA impacts all health care payers, it is important to know that HIPAA changes, including changes from local procedure codes to national procedure codes, will also have an impact on Medicaid HMOs. For questions related to Medicaid HMOs or managed care HIPAA-related changes, contact the appropriate managed care organization.

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/.

ATTACHMENT 1

Procedure code conversion chart for tuberculosis-related services

The following table lists the nationally recognized *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes that providers will be required to use when submitting claims for tuberculosis-related services. A future *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* will notify providers of the specific effective dates for Wisconsin Medicaid's implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Maximum allowable fees listed in this attachment are the proposed fees effective with the implementation of HIPAA and may be subject to change. Wisconsin Medicaid will notify providers if the fees change from those printed in this *Update*.

Before HIPAA implementation	After HIPAA implementation		
Local procedure code and description	CPT/HCPCS procedure code	CPT/HCPCS procedure code description	Maximum allowable fee
W6271 Directly observed preventive therapy — tuberculosis infected only	99401	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 15 minutes	\$9.39
W6272 Monitoring of tuberculosis symptom — tuberculosis infected only	99402	approximately 30 minutes	\$18.78
W6274 Direct observation of therapy — suspect or confirmed active tuberculosis case	99403	approximately 45 minutes	\$28.18
W6275 Monitoring of tuberculosis symptoms — suspect or confirmed active tuberculosis case	99404	approximately 60 minutes	\$37.57
W6273 Patient education and anticipatory guidance — tuberculosis infected only	S9445	Patient education, not otherwise classified, non-physician provider, individual, per session	\$37.57
W6276 Patient education and anticipatory guidance — suspect or confirmed active tuberculosis case			

ATTACHMENT 2

Place of service codes for tuberculosis-related services

The table below lists the place of service (POS) codes that providers will be required to use when submitting claims after the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) implementation.

POS code	POS code description
03	School
04	Homeless Shelter
05	Indian Health Service Free-Standing Facility
06	Indian Health Service Provider-Based Facility
07	Tribal 638 Free-Standing Facility
08	Tribal 638 Provider-Based Facility
11	Office
12	Home
15	Mobile Unit
20	Urgent Care Facility
22	Outpatient Hospital
23	Emergency Room — Hospital
50	Federally Qualified Health Center
60	Mass Immunization Center
71	State or Local Public Health Clinic
72	Rural Health Clinic
99	Other Place of Service