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Effective dates for code changes as a result of HIPAA for tuberculosis-related services

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* provides specific effective dates for the changes that will be implemented by Wisconsin Medicaid as a result of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) for tuberculosis (TB)-related services.

This *Update* gives implementation dates for all TB-related services providers, whether they exchange information with Wisconsin Medicaid on paper or electronically.

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* provides specific effective dates for the changes that will be implemented by Wisconsin Medicaid as a result of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) for tuberculosis (TB)-related services. These dates apply to the code changes described in the June 2003 *Update* (2003-34), titled "Changes to local codes for TB-related services as a result of HIPAA." This *Update* makes frequent reference to *Update* 2003-34; providers are encouraged to read this *Update* alongside *Update* 2003-34.

This *Update* gives implementation dates for all TB-related services providers, whether they exchange information with Wisconsin Medicaid on paper or electronically. Failure to follow the effective dates that are provided in this *Update* may result in claim denials.

> **Attention: Advice for providers**
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> Wisconsin Medicaid recognizes that this is a difficult time for providers with the nationwide implementation of HIPAA in October 2003. Providers are cautioned to pay close attention to the deadlines and requirements outlined in this *Update*, which are necessary to assure a smooth transition to the HIPAA standards. Providers should allow additional time to adjust to the new billing requirements and systems changes. Providers may experience a temporary delay in the payment of claims due to increased billing errors and system changes near the federal compliance date of October 16, 2003, as Wisconsin Medicaid, other payers, and providers implement the HIPAA requirements and billing standards.

Providers should note the way the various changes will be implemented. Changes as a result of HIPAA will be implemented based on:

- **Date of service.** For changes implemented based on the date of service, the important question to ask is: **"When was the service performed?"**
- **Date of receipt by Wisconsin Medicaid.** For changes implemented based on the date of receipt, the important question to ask is: **"When will this claim be received by Wisconsin Medicaid?"** Providers should allow enough time for mail delivery when meeting the deadlines identified in this publication.

Medical and nonmedical codes

Effective dates for national codes that will replace Wisconsin Medicaid local codes will be implemented in two different ways. Codes fit into two categories, medical codes and nonmedical codes. Medical codes describe specific health care conditions and services while nonmedical codes describe general administrative situations.

Medical and nonmedical codes are implemented based on **dates of service** or **date of receipt,** respectively, as required by federal HIPAA regulations.

Medical codes

Changes to medical codes, as indicated in *Update* 2003-34, will be effective for **dates of service** on and after October 1, 2003. National medical codes used by Wisconsin Medicaid include national procedure codes that replace Wisconsin Medicaid local procedure codes (refer to Attachment 1 of *Update* 2003-34).

Pre-HIPAA medical codes include local Wisconsin Medicaid procedure codes and national procedure codes.

Nonmedical codes

Changes to nonmedical codes, as indicated in *Update* 2003-34, will be implemented based on the **date of receipt**. For nonmedical codes received on paper claims, the changes will be effective on and after October 1, 2003. For nonmedical codes received on electronic claims, the changes will be effective on and after October 13, 2003. National nonmedical codes used by Wisconsin Medicaid include:

- Allowable nationally recognized two-digit place of service (POS) codes (refer to Attachment 2 of *Update* 2003-34).
- Type of service (TOS) codes will no longer be required on Medicaid claims because they are not national codes.

Pre-HIPAA nonmedical codes include TOS codes and one-digit Wisconsin Medicaid POS codes.

Refer to Attachment 1 of this *Update* for claims submission examples for TB-related services and Attachment 2 of this *Update* for examples of claim adjustment requests.

Obtaining information

For questions about this *Update*, providers may call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

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.

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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
Claims submission examples for tuberculosis-related services

Examples of claims submission before and after the implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) are illustrated below.

For example, if both of the following are true:		Then use the following:
Date of service	Date of receipt	Codes
9/1/03	9/30/03	• Pre-HIPAA nonmedical codes. • Pre-HIPAA medical codes.
9/30/03	10/14/03	• National nonmedical codes. • Pre-HIPAA medical codes.
10/14/03	11/1/03	• National nonmedical codes. • National medical codes.

For the following examples, the service performed was directly observed preventive therapy — tuberculosis infected only; the service was performed for 30 minutes in an office.

If both of the following are true:		Then use the following:			
Date of service	Date of receipt	Place of service code*	Type of service code**	Procedure code	Days or units
9/1/03	9/30/03	3	1	W6271	0.5
9/30/03	10/14/03	11	None	W6271	0.5
10/14/03	11/1/03	11	None	99402	1.0

*Place of service codes do not apply to those providers who submit claims on the UB-92.
**Type of service codes do not apply to those providers who submit claims on the UB-92.

ATTACHMENT 2
Claim adjustment examples for tuberculosis-related services

Examples of claims adjustments before and after the implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) are illustrated below.

For example, if both of the following are true:		Then use the following:
Original date of service	Date adjustment received	Codes
9/1/03	9/30/03	• Pre-HIPAA nonmedical codes. • Pre-HIPAA medical codes.
9/30/03	10/14/03	• National nonmedical codes. • Pre-HIPAA medical codes.
10/14/03	11/1/03	• National nonmedical codes. • National medical codes.