

Wisconsin Medicaid update and BadgerCare

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:
Home Health
Agencies
Nurses in
Independent
Practice
HMOs and Other
Managed Care
Programs

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 dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/.

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Submitting claims with start-of-shift modifiers for home care services

Home care service providers may submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid without start-of-shift modifiers for a limited period of time until the provider's claims submission software is able to accommodate start-of-shift modifiers. Beginning on July 1, 2004, all claims received by Wisconsin Medicaid must be submitted with start-of-shift modifiers to process.

Claims submission software not currently accommodating start-of-shift modifiers

Claims without start-of-shift modifiers may be submitted until the provider's software can accommodate start-of-shift modifiers, or until July 1, 2004, whichever is earlier.

Home care service providers that currently do not have HIPAA-compliant claims submission software capable of accommodating start-of-shift modifiers may submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid without start-of-shift modifiers.

Beginning on July 1, 2004, all claims must be submitted with start-of-shift modifiers.

Wisconsin Medicaid will not be able to process claims without start-of-shift modifiers received on and after July 1, 2004.

Claims submission software currently accommodating start-of-shift modifiers

Home care service providers that currently have HIPAA-compliant claims submission software

capable of accommodating start-of-shift modifiers are expected to continue submitting claims to Wisconsin Medicaid with start-of-shift modifiers.

For further information about start-of-shift modifiers, nurses in independent practice should refer to the August 2003 *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* (2003-81), titled "Changes to local codes, paper claims, and prior authorization for private duty nursing and respiratory care services of nurses in independent practice as a result of HIPAA."

Home health providers should refer to the August 2003 *Update* (2003-83), titled "Changes to local codes, paper claims, and prior authorization for home health services, including private duty nursing and respiratory care services, as a result of HIPAA."

Information regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *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.