

# Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare update

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Rural Health  
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## Annual cost report changes for rural health clinics

Effective September 4, 2003, provider-based rural health clinics (RHCs) with more than 50 beds should no longer file trial balance costs. Instead, providers should use the independent cost report format. This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is a follow-up to the letter sent on September 4, 2003, to provider-based RHCs with more than 50 beds.

Effective September 4, 2003, provider-based rural health clinics (RHCs) with more than 50 beds should no longer file trial balance costs. Instead, provider-based RHCs with more than 50 beds should follow the filing instructions for independent RHCs on the Rural Health Clinic Settlement Determination form (HCF 11024) and complete only parts B-G of this form. This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is a follow-up to the letter sent to providers on September 4, 2003.

In accordance with Medicare Cost Reporting requirements (Medi-506-98) and Wisconsin Medicaid cost settlement purposes, provider-based RHCs with more than 50 beds have been capped at the Medicare upper payment limit. As a result, these RHCs are not required to file trial balance costs on the Rural Health Clinic Trial Balance of Expenses, Reclassifications, and

Adjustments form (HCF 11023). This is a change to the form instructions in the Rural Health Clinic Services Handbook published in August 2003. Only provider-based RHCs *with 50 or fewer* beds are required to file (HCF 11023).

Both the Rural Health Clinic Settlement Determination form (HCF 11024) and the Rural Health Clinic Trial Balance of Expenses, Reclassifications, and Adjustments form (HCF 11023) can be found either in the Rural Health Clinic Services Handbook, or on the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

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