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To: Federally Qualified Health Centers Portable X-ray Providers HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid Covers Transportation and Set-up for Portable X-ray Providers

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* provides information to providers for billing transportation and set-up of portable X-ray equipment. Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2004, Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses portable X-ray providers for procedure code R0075.

Transportation of Portable X-ray Equipment

Wisconsin Medicaid Reimburses Additional Procedure Code

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2004, Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses procedure code R0075 (Transportation of portable X-ray equipment and personnel to home or nursing home, per trip to facility or location, more than one patient seen) for portable X-ray providers. In addition to procedure code R0075, Wisconsin Medicaid will continue to reimburse procedure code R0070 (Transportation of portable X-ray equipment and personnel to home or nursing home, per trip to facility or location, one patient seen).

When billing procedure code R0075, the provider is required to use a modifier to indicate the total number of Medicaid recipients served at the location. The provider is required to submit a separate claim for each Medicaid recipient. Procedure code R0075 will be denied if it is submitted without an appropriate modifier in Element 24D of the CMS 1500 claim form. Refer to Attachment 1 of this *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* for a list of appropriate modifiers. Each claim for a single location and DOS must indicate the same X-ray transportation procedure code and modifier for all recipients seen during that visit.

Wisconsin Medicaid prorates the transportation reimbursement according to the number of Medicaid recipients served at the location. Do not include non-Medicaid recipients when determining the appropriate modifier to use with procedure code R0075. For example, if the provider provides X-ray services to five nursing home residents and only two are Medicaid recipients, the provider would use modifier "UN" in Element 24D of the CMS 1500 claim form. Refer to Attachment 2 for a sample of a claim for portable X-ray provider services.

Transportation Coverage Criteria

The following criteria apply to both transportation procedure codes:

 Portable X-ray services are allowable only in a nursing home (place of service [POS] codes "31," "32," or "33") or in a home setting (POS code "12") as medically necessary and appropriate, under the supervision of a physician.

- Transportation of portable X-ray equipment
 is reimbursable only when the equipment
 used is actually transported to the location
 where X-ray services are provided.
 Wisconsin Medicaid will not reimburse for
 the transportation of the portable X-ray
 equipment when the X-ray equipment is
 stored at a nursing home for use as
 needed.
- Only a single transportation payment is
 allowed per trip to a facility or location for a
 single DOS. Therefore, Wisconsin
 Medicaid will not reimburse both R0070
 and R0075 to a provider for the same
 location on the same DOS unless there is a
 medically necessary reason for multiple
 trips. Providers are required to document
 the medical necessity of repeat trips.
 Providers should make every effort to
 schedule all patients at a single location
 during a single trip to that location.

Note: Wisconsin Medicaid does not reimburse procedure code R0076 (Transportation of portable EKG to facility or location, per patient). The cost of transporting EKG equipment is included in Medicaid's reimbursement for the EKG.

Set-up of Portable X-ray Equipment

Wisconsin Medicaid will continue to reimburse portable X-ray providers for services necessary to place the recipient into position in preparation for taking the X-ray (procedure code Q0092 [Set-up portable X-ray equipment]). The following criteria apply to this procedure code:

• Portable X-ray services are allowable only in a nursing home (POS codes "31," "32," or "33") or in a home setting (POS code "12") as medically necessary and appropriate, and under the supervision of a physician.

- Charges for this set-up code may be submitted in addition to the X-ray service when the service is provided in the recipient's home or a nursing facility. This applies to each recipient receiving X-ray services during both single-patient and multiple-patient trips. A set-up component is allowed for each radiologic procedure performed, other than retakes of the same procedure.
- Q0092 is not reimbursable for the set-up of portable EKG equipment.

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.

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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ATTACHMENT 1 Modifiers for Transportation of Portable X-ray Equipment and Personnel to Home or Nursing Home, More Than One Patient Seen

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2004, the appropriate modifier must be used with procedure code R0075 (Transportation of portable X-ray equipment and personnel to home or nursing home, per trip to facility or location, more than one patient seen).

Modifier	Description	Maximum Fee
UN	Mobile X-ray, two patients served	\$26.05
UP	Mobile X-ray, three patients served	\$17.37
UQ	Mobile X-ray, four patients served	\$13.03
UR	Mobile X-ray, five patients served	\$10.42
US	Mobile X-ray, six or more patients served	\$8.69

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