

# Wisconsin Medicaid update and BadgerCare

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## Prescribers Reminded of Policy for Drugs Dispensed in a 100-Day Supply

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* reminds prescribers of the maintenance drugs that may be prescribed and dispensed in a 100-day supply as allowed by HFS 107.10(3)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. Prescribers are encouraged to write prescriptions for these drugs to allow for a 100-day supply when clinically appropriate for the recipient.

This *Update* also notifies providers that current Wisconsin law permits Wisconsin Medicaid-certified retail pharmacies to deliver prescriptions to recipients via the mail at no additional cost to the recipient or to Wisconsin Medicaid.

### Drugs with 100-Day Supply Maximum

Wisconsin Medicaid allows certain drugs to be prescribed and dispensed up to a maximum of a 100-day supply as stated in HFS 107.10(3)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. These drugs are:

- Digoxin, digitoxin, and digitalis.
- Hydrochlorothiazide and chlorothiazide.
- Prenatal vitamins.
- Fluoride.
- Levothyroxine, liothyronine, and thyroid extract.
- Phenobarbital.
- Phenytoin.
- Oral contraceptives.

The following drugs may also be made available in a supply of up to 100 days:

- Insulin.
- Generic oral hypoglycemic drugs.

### Recipient Benefits

When it is appropriate for the recipient's medical condition, a 100-day supply of the drugs listed in this *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* may be beneficial to the recipient by:

- Aiding compliance in taking prescribed medications.
- Reducing the cost of recipient copayments.
- Requiring fewer trips to the pharmacy.

### Prescription Quantity

A prescriber must indicate the appropriate quantity on the prescription to allow the dispensing provider to dispense the maintenance drug in a 100-day supply. For example, if the prescription is written for "Phenytoin 100 mg., take one capsule three times daily," the dispensing provider may dispense up to 300 capsules as long as the prescriber has indicated a 100-day supply quantity on the prescription.

### Providers Encouraged to Change Prescriptions

Prescribers of the drugs included in this *Update* are encouraged to write prescriptions for a 100-day supply when appropriate for the Medicaid recipient.

Prescribers may be contacted by pharmacies when a recipient's prescription for one of these drugs is written for less than a 100-day supply. The pharmacy may request that a recipient's prescription be changed to allow for the drug to be dispensed in a 100-day supply when appropriate for the recipient's medical condition.

### **Prescription Mail Delivery**

Current Wisconsin law permits Wisconsin Medicaid-certified retail pharmacies to deliver prescriptions to recipients via the mail. Wisconsin Medicaid-certified retail pharmacies may dispense and mail any prescription or over-the-counter medication to a Medicaid or BadgerCare fee-for-service recipient or a SeniorCare participant at no additional cost to the recipient or to Wisconsin Medicaid.

Providers are encouraged to use the mail delivery option if requested by the recipient or participant, particularly for prescriptions filled for a 100-day supply.

### **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 and SeniorCare participants also.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare, and SeniorCare 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/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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