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End-Stage Renal  
Disease Service  
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## Billing Instruction Clarification for Free-Standing End-Stage Renal Disease Service Providers

Effective immediately, Wisconsin Medicaid *will automatically adopt all future changes made by Medicare* regarding billing instructions for free-standing end-stage renal disease (ESRD) service providers effective on the same date as the Medicare policy.

If Medicare makes a change to the billing instructions, free-standing ESRD service providers will be required to follow Medicare's billing instructions for all claims (whether Medicaid-only or crossover claims) submitted to Wisconsin Medicaid.

This is a clarification of policy stated in the October 2004 *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* (2004-79), titled "Revised Free-Standing End-Stage Renal Disease Provider Reimbursement."

Refer to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Web site at [www.cms.hhs.gov/](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/) or the United Government Services LLC Web site at [www.ugsmedicare.com/](http://www.ugsmedicare.com/) for changes to Medicare's billing instructions for free-standing ESRD service providers.

### 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, visit our Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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