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Home Health Agencies Reminded of Alternatives to Medication Management Visits

Home health agencies are reminded of the alternatives available to assist recipients and agencies to determine the need for medication management visits.

pharmacy can submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid for prescriptions for insulin products and supplies.

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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Available Alternatives

Home health agencies are reminded that several alternatives are available to assist in meeting recipients' medication needs and should be considered when determining the medical necessity and frequency of medication management visits.

A variety of dispensing devices, adaptive aids, and delivery systems are available to assist a recipient in dispensing his or her own medication. Examples of these include:

- Insulin pens.
- Medication dispensers.
- Medication organizers.
- Alarms.

Providers should contact the recipient's physician to determine if prescribing one of these products would be appropriate for the recipient.

Insulin Pens

For each fill, Wisconsin Medicaid covers up to a 100-day supply of prefilled insulin pens and cartridges through the pharmacy benefit. A

Combining Services

In consultation with the recipient's physician, home health agencies should determine the best combination of medication management visits and use of alternative dispensing devices, adaptive aids, and delivery systems appropriate to the recipient's condition. Refer to the October 1995 *Wisconsin Medicaid Update* (95-36), titled "Home Health Changes for Medication Management," for further information about Wisconsin Medicaid medication management visit policy.

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.