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New Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Pathology Services Handbook

The Division of Health Care Financing announces the new Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Pathology Services Handbook. This handbook is a guide to Wisconsin Medicaid for all Medicaid-certified physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech and language pathology (SLP) providers. Providers should maintain and refer to this handbook in conjunction with the All-Provider Handbook. This handbook completely replaces the Physical Therapy Handbook — Part P, Div. II (published in January 1997), the Occupational Therapy Services Handbook — Part P, Div. I (published in March 1998), the Speech and Language Pathology Handbook (published in July 2003), and all previously published PT, OT, and SLP services *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates*.

The new Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Pathology Services Handbook is dated January 2006. However, outpatient hospital PT, OT, and SLP providers are not required to follow the requirements published in this handbook until March 1, 2006.

All-Provider Publications

Providers are reminded to retain their all-provider publications. The Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and

Language Pathology Services Handbook does *not* replace these publications.

Obtaining the Handbook

Beginning in December 2005, providers may access the new handbook on the Medicaid Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/.

In addition, Medicaid PT, OT, and SLP providers will receive the Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Pathology Services Handbook on CD. The CD will be mailed in December 2005.

Providers may also call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 to request a paper copy.

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.

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