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## Separate Reimbursement Allowed for Emergency Evaluation and Management Services Performed with Surgery Services or Consultations

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after March 1, 2006, Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse physician services providers for an emergency evaluation and management (E&M) service (*Current Procedural Terminology* codes 99281-99285) in addition to any surgical procedures or consultations performed by the same performing provider for the same recipient on the same DOS. Previously, Wisconsin Medicaid would reimburse a provider for only the surgical procedure(s) or consultation when performed in conjunction with an emergency E&M service.

Effective for DOS on and after March 1, 2006, providers are no longer required to submit an adjustment request with supporting documentation to receive separate reimbursement for the emergency E&M service. Providers are required to maintain supporting documentation in their files that justifies the level of the emergency E&M procedure submitted on the claim, as well as the surgical procedure and/or consultation.

### Information Regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare 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/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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