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Home Health Services Handbook Revised

The Division of Health Care Financing has revised the Home Health Services Handbook. This handbook is a guide to home health services for all Medicaid-certified home health services providers. Providers should maintain and refer to this handbook in conjunction with the All-Provider Handbook and their service-specific publications.

The revised version completely replaces the Wisconsin Medical Assistance Provider Handbook, Part L, Divisions I and II. The revised version also completely replaces the *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates* listed in the cover memo of the handbook.

The revised handbook contains information regarding Medicaid's policies for the following services provided by home health agencies:

- Home health skilled nursing services.
- Private duty nursing services.
- Home health aide services.
- Home health therapy services.
- Durable medical equipment.
- Disposable medical supplies.

Home health agencies that also provide personal care services should refer to the Personal Care Handbook for information on providing these services.

Obtaining the Handbook

The revised handbook is now available for providers to access on the Medicaid Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/.

In addition, all Medicaid-certified home health services providers will receive the Home Health Services Handbook on CD in March 2006. This CD will also contain the revised All-Provider Handbook published in October 2005.

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

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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