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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:
All Providers
HMOs and
Other
Managed
Care
Programs

Announcing a New Look for *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates and Summaries*

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* announces a new look for *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates and Summaries*. This new look coincides with the implementation of BadgerCare Plus, a new state-sponsored health care program that will begin in February 2008.

The look of the *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates* is changing. Effective immediately, all new and revised policies and procedures will be announced in *BadgerCare Plus Updates*. The new look coincides with the introduction of BadgerCare Plus, a new state-sponsored health care program that will begin in February 2008. The monthly summaries will also have a new look, beginning with the monthly *BadgerCare Plus Update Summary* for November 2007.

Updates are the first source of provider information and providers are reminded that they are responsible for all information

included in *Updates*. *Updates* announce the latest information on policy and coverage changes, prior authorization submission requirements, claims submission requirements, and training announcements. Providers may obtain copies of *Updates* listed in the *Update Summary* from the Medicaid Web site. Providers without Internet access may call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 to request a paper copy of an *Update*.

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, 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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