

**To:** Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers with Psychiatric Specialty, Community Support Programs, Dispensing Physicians, Pharmacies, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **Clozapine and Clozapine Management Services Under BadgerCare Plus**

BadgerCare Plus, the new state-sponsored health care program, will be implemented in February 2008. This *Update* describes the policies for clozapine and clozapine management services under BadgerCare Plus.

### **BadgerCare Plus Overview**

In January 2007, Governor Jim Doyle included in his 2007-09 Biennial Budget proposal an innovative state-sponsored health care program to expand coverage to Wisconsin residents and ensure that all children in Wisconsin have access to affordable health care. This new program is called BadgerCare Plus, and it will start on February 1, 2008.

BadgerCare Plus merges family Medicaid, BadgerCare, and Healthy Start into a single program. BadgerCare Plus will expand enrollment to:

- All uninsured children.
- More pregnant women.
- More parents and caretaker relatives.
- Parents with children in foster care who are working to reunify their families.
- Young adults exiting out-of-home care, such as foster care, because they have turned 18 years of age.
- Certain farmers and other self-employed parents and caretaker relatives.

All individuals enrolled in BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid will be referred to as “members.”

BadgerCare Plus is comprised of two benefit plans, the Standard Plan and the Benchmark Plan. The services

covered under the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan are the same as the current Wisconsin Medicaid program; therefore, the term “Standard Plan” will be used in all future *Updates* to describe the shared policy and billing information. The BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan is a more limited plan, modeled after commercial insurance.

New services covered under BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid include over-the-counter tobacco cessation products for all members and mental health and substance abuse screening, preventive mental health counseling, and substance abuse intervention services for pregnant women at risk of mental health or substance abuse problems. Future *Updates* will describe these new benefits in detail.

Refer to the November 2007 *Update* (2007-79), titled “Introduction to BadgerCare Plus — Wisconsin’s New Health Care Program,” for general information on covered and noncovered services, copayments, and enrollment.

### **Clozapine Drug Coverage Under BadgerCare Plus**

#### ***Standard Plan***

Coverage, policies, and procedures pertaining to clozapine are the same under the Standard Plan as they are under the current Wisconsin Medicaid program.

Copayment amounts for clozapine are the same under the Standard Plan as they are under the current Wisconsin Medicaid program. Refer to previously published service-

specific publications for more information on copayment amounts and limits.

Policy regarding members who are subject to copayments and members who are exempt from copayments is different than that of the current Wisconsin Medicaid program.

Providers should note that the following Standard Plan members **are subject to copayment** for services where copayment applies:

- Members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan HMOs (previously referred to as Medicaid HMOs).
- Members under 18 years of age with incomes above 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Providers are prohibited from collecting copayments from the following Standard Plan members:

- Nursing home residents.
- Pregnant women.
- Members under 18 years of age who are members of a federally recognized tribe.
- Members under 18 years of age with incomes at or below 100 percent of the FPL.

Under the Standard Plan, providers **cannot** deny services if a member fails to make his or her copayment.

### ***Benchmark Plan***

The Benchmark Plan covers generic clozapine. Benchmark Plan members are automatically enrolled in the Badger Rx Gold Plan, a prescription drug plan for Wisconsin residents, and coverage for brand name drugs may be available through this plan. For more information about the Badger Rx Gold Plan, refer to the Badger Rx Gold Web site, [www.badgerrxgold.com/](http://www.badgerrxgold.com/).

Policies and procedures pertaining to clozapine are the same under the Benchmark Plan as they are under the current Wisconsin Medicaid program.

Copayment for clozapine under the Benchmark Plan is up to \$5.00 per prescription with no monthly or annual limits.

The following members are exempt from copayment requirements under the Benchmark Plan:

- Pregnant women.
- Members under 18 years of age who are members of a federally recognized tribe.

No other members are exempt from the copayment requirement under the Benchmark Plan.

Under the Benchmark Plan, a provider has the right to deny services if the member fails to make his or her copayment.

### ***Additional Information for Pharmacy Providers***

For additional information about drug coverage under BadgerCare Plus, refer to the December 2007 *Update* (2007-108), titled “Pharmacy Services Under BadgerCare Plus.”

### ***Definition of Clozapine Management Services***

Clozapine management is a specialized care management service that may be required to ensure the safety of members who are receiving clozapine. Clozapine management services refer to the monitoring of a member’s drug intake, testing, and mental health; the drug itself is reimbursed separately.

For a complete description of clozapine management services, refer to previously-published service-specific *Updates*.

### ***Clozapine Management Services Coverage Under BadgerCare Plus***

Policy and procedures for clozapine management services are the same under the Standard Plan and the Benchmark Plan as they are under the current Wisconsin Medicaid program.

The white blood cell (WBC) count and Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC) testing are separately reimbursable services that require separate orders from the physician. Providers are reminded that the required WBC count and ANC

testing should be reduced to once every **four weeks** for members who have received clozapine management services for a full year with stable and medically appropriate WBC counts and ANCs. This frequency of testing is in accordance with the most recent Food and Drug Administration policy regarding clozapine. When appropriate and medically necessary, testing frequency may be increased. Refer to the April 2006 *Update* (2006-37), titled "Changes in Blood Count Testing Impacts Clozapine Management Services," for more information about testing requirements.

Clozapine management services require an order from a physician.

Clozapine management services do not require copayments or prior authorization. Clozapine management services are not considered part of the mental health and substance abuse coverage available under the Benchmark Plan. Clozapine management is not counted toward the Benchmark Plan mental health and substance abuse service limitations.

Community Support Program (CSP) services are not covered for members enrolled in the Benchmark Plan, but CSP providers can still provide clozapine management services. The Benchmark Plan will reimburse CSP providers for these services. Community Support Program providers should refer to the July 2006 *Update* (2006-54), titled "Community Support Program Services," for more information about policy and procedures for clozapine management services.

### **Information Regarding BadgerCare Plus HMOs**

BadgerCare Plus HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization.

Beginning on February 1, 2008, pharmacy services will no longer be included as managed care services in most Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus managed care programs. Refer to the January 2008 *Update* (2008-07), "Pharmacy Consolidation for Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus Managed Care Members," for more information on the pharmacy consolidation.

The *BadgerCare Plus Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers. All information applies to Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus unless otherwise noted in the *Update*.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus are administered by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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