

To: Blood Banks, Dentists, Dispensing Physicians, Family Planning Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Inpatient Hospital Providers, Narcotic Treatment Service Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Optometrists, Outpatient Hospital Providers, Pharmacy Providers, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Reminder: Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pad Requirement for Drug Prescriptions Effective October 1, 2008

Providers are reminded that, effective October 1, 2008, federal legislation requires that drug prescriptions for Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members that are not telephoned, faxed, or electronically transferred to a pharmacy be written or printed on tamper-resistant prescription pads or computer paper. To assist with this new requirement, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is currently offering a limited supply of free tamper-resistant prescription pads and computer paper to Medicaid-certified prescribers, available until the end of 2008.

Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pad Requirement

Effective October 1, 2008, federal legislation requires that all written and computer-generated drug prescriptions given to Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members to take to a pharmacy must be written or printed on tamper-resistant prescription pads or computer paper.

Note: The federal legislation applies to prescriptions for drugs only. It does not apply to medical supplies or equipment.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has made available a limited supply of free prescription pads and computer paper through its contracted vendor, Standard Register, through the end of 2008.

Medicaid-certified prescribers may request up to five free prescription pads or one ream of computer paper. There is a limited supply of the free pads and computer paper available, and they will be distributed as the requests are received. Providers will only be required to pay the shipping costs for the free pads or computer paper.

Required Features for Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads or Computer Paper

To be considered tamper resistant as of October 1, 2008, prescription pads and paper must contain *all* of the following characteristics:

- One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form.
- One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber.
- One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms.

The pads and computer paper provided by Standard Register meet these requirements.

How to Request the Free Prescription Pads

To request the free tamper-resistant prescription pads, providers are required to complete and submit an order form to Standard Register before December 31, 2008.

The order form is available to download from the Medicaid Web site at

dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/whats_new.htm#medicaid/
and from the Standard Register Web site at
www.securescrip.com/.

Completed orders may be submitted to Standard Register via the following:

- Fax — (866) 869-3971.
- Telephone — (866) 741-8488.

Additional Information

Providers are not required to use the state-supplied prescription pads to be compliant with the new tamper-resistant prescription pad requirement. For additional information about the required features for tamper-resistant prescription pads and computer paper, providers may refer to the September 2007 *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* (2007-65), titled “Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pad Requirement.”

Pharmacy Consolidation

Effective for dates of service on and after February 1, 2008, the DHS changed the way pharmacy services are reimbursed for members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus HMOs, SSI HMOs, and most special managed care programs. Pharmacy services and some drug-related supplies for managed care members are now reimbursed by fee-for-service.

The federal requirements for the use of tamper-resistant prescription pads and computer paper apply to all members receiving pharmacy benefits through Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus fee-for-service. The managed care exemption in the federal legislation does not apply to members receiving drug coverage through fee-for-service.

Prescription drugs and related services for members enrolled in the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Family Care Partnership (formerly the Wisconsin Partnership Program) remain unchanged.

Information Regarding Managed Care

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. Pharmacy services for members enrolled in PACE and the Family Care Partnership are provided by the member’s managed care organization. Managed care organizations must provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service.

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 Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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