

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

New Modifier for Birth to 3 Program-Enhanced Reimbursement

Effective with the implementation of ForwardHealth interChange, providers are required to indicate modifier “TL” when submitting claims for natural environment-enhanced reimbursement when providing services to members in the Birth to 3 Program. Providers are required to indicate the “TL” modifier for each detail line that they wish the reimbursement to be considered.

The natural environment-enhanced reimbursement will no longer be a separate payment, but will be included in the claim reimbursement for the therapy. The reimbursement is only paid one time per day per discipline for physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech therapy.

Assistant therapist rendering providers are required to use the “TL” and “TF” modifiers.

Information Regarding Managed Care

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis. For

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

The *ForwardHealth Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). Wisconsin Well Woman Program is administered by the Division of Public Health, Wisconsin DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or visit our Web site at dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/.

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