

**To:** Ambulance Providers, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Anesthesiologist Assistants, Audiologists, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Child Adolescent Day Treatment Providers, Chiropractors, County Mental Health Coordinators, County Substance Abuse Coordinators, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Family Planning Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, HealthCheck “Other Service” Providers, HealthCheck Providers, Hearing Instrument Specialists, In-Home Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Services for Children Providers, Independent Labs, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Master’s Level Psychotherapists, Medical Equipment Vendors, Mental Health Day Treatment Providers, Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinics, Narcotic Treatment Services Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives, Occupational Therapists, Opticians, Optometrists, Physical Therapists, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Portable X-ray Providers, Prenatal Care Coordination Providers, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, Specialized Medical Vehicle Providers, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Substance Abuse Counselors, Substance Abuse Day Treatment Providers, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## 1 Percent Reimbursement Rate Increase for Non-Institutional Services

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2008, maximum allowable fees for the services listed in the Attachment of this *BadgerCare Plus Update* will increase 1 percent, as authorized by the Wisconsin state legislature in 2007-09 biennial budget, Wisconsin Act 20. The maximum allowable fees reflecting the new rates will appear on provider-specific maximum allowable fee schedules located on the Medicaid Web site at [dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

Rate increases apply for services provided to members enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus. Certain providers may receive a targeted rate increase for selected procedure codes.

Providers are reminded about the following:

- They are required to submit claims to BadgerCare Plus for their usual and customary charges.
- BadgerCare Plus will reimburse providers the lesser of the billed amount or the maximum allowable fee, less any copayments required of members.

### Information Regarding Managed Care

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. BadgerCare Plus HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

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.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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# ATTACHMENT

## Services Receiving 1 Percent Reimbursement Rate Increase

Effective for dates of service on and After July 1, 2008

### Physician and Related Services

- Ambulatory surgery center services.
- Anesthesiology, including services provided by anesthesiologists and anesthesiology assistants.
- Diagnostic testing.
- Family Planning Services.
- Laboratory services (not to exceed Medicare Part B rates).
- Medicine/surgical services.
- Vaccines, infusions, and other provider-administered drugs.
  - ✓ Reimbursement for the *administration* of vaccines, infusions, and other provider-administered drugs increases by one percent.
  - ✓ Drug costs are not affected by the rate increase.
- X-ray services, including portable X-ray.

*Note:* The maximum allowable reimbursement per provider, per member, per day will increase to \$2,331.37. The limit pertains to most physician services and services provided by nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, oral surgeons, physician assistants, and podiatrists.

### Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Related Services

- Disposable medical supplies.
- Durable medical equipment.
- Hearing aids (non-contracted hearing aids increase by one percent).

### Mental Health and Related Services

- Adult mental health day treatment services.
- Child/adolescent day treatment services.
- Clozapine management services.
- In-home psychotherapy services for children.
- Outpatient mental health services.

### Substance Abuse and Related Services

- Narcotic treatment services.
- Outpatient substance abuse services.
- Substance abuse day treatment services.

### Therapy and Related Services

- Audiology services.
- Occupational therapy services.
- Physical therapy services.
- Rehabilitation agency occupational therapy and physical therapy services.

### Other Services

- Ambulance services.
- Chiropractic services.
- Dental services.
- HealthCheck "Other Services."
- HealthCheck services.
- Podiatry services.
- Prenatal care coordination services (including Milwaukee Child Care Coordination).
- Specialized medical vehicle transportation services.
- Tuberculosis-related services.
- Vision services (Eyeglasses provided under the State Purchase Eyeglass Contract [SPEC] do not receive the rate increase).