

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program
To: Blood Banks, Dispensing Physicians, Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Reimbursement Changes for Retail Pharmacies

This *ForwardHealth Update* provides information about reimbursement changes for retail pharmacies dispensing drugs to members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, or Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program. Changes are effective for dates of service on and after November 8, 2008.

Dispensing Fee

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after November 8, 2008, the dispensing fee for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP) covered brand name drugs will change from \$4.88 to \$3.44 per prescription.

The dispensing fee for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, and WCDP covered generic drugs will change from \$4.88 to \$3.94 per prescription for DOS on and after November 8, 2008.

Average Wholesale Pricing

Effective for DOS on and after November 8, 2008, the Average Wholesale Pricing (AWP) reimbursement rate for brand name legend drugs for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and WCDP prescriptions will change to AWP minus 14 percent.

For DOS on and after November 8, 2008, the AWP reimbursement rate for brand name legend drugs for SeniorCare prescriptions will change to AWP minus 14 percent, plus 5 percent, minus \$.50.

Maximum Allowed Cost

Maximum Allowed Cost rates remain unchanged.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *ForwardHealth 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 the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (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 *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). The Wisconsin Well Woman Program is administered by the Division of Public Health, Wisconsin DHS.

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