

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Federally Qualified Health Centers, HealthCheck Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Coverage of Capillary Blood Draw

Effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2008, providers may be reimbursed for collection of a capillary blood specimen (e.g., finger, heel, ear stick) using *Current Procedural Terminology* code 36416. Information in this *Update* applies to BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid.

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Providers may be reimbursed for CPT code 36416 and lab handling fee CPT code 99000 when drawing a finger stick blood specimen to be mailed to the laboratory for analysis.

Providers may be reimbursed for CPT code 36416 and CPT code 83655 (Lead) when doing on-site blood lead testing. Providers will not be reimbursed for the lab handling fee CPT code 99000 in this situation.

Information Regarding Managed Care

This *ForwardHealth 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 *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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