

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: Hospice Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Hospice Reimbursement Rate Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008, Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus hospice service reimbursement rates will change.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus hospice reimbursement rates are based on hourly and per diem rates established by the federal government for all covered hospice services.

Hospice rates for federal fiscal year 2009, effective October 1, 2008, are based on annual hospice rates established under Medicare. Although these rates provide an annual change in payment rates for hospice care services, hospice physician services are not changed under this provision. The Attachment of this *ForwardHealth Update* gives the new hospice rates that are effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008.

Wisconsin Medicaid will automatically adjust claims submitted and reimbursed at the previous reimbursement rate for services provided on and after October 1, 2008. Adjustments will reflect the lesser of the maximum allowed amount or the amount billed. An announcement will be made on the banner page of the Remittance Advice when the adjustments are made.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to members on fee-for-service only.

For managed care organization (MCO) policy, contact the appropriate MCO. State-contracted MCOs 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.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus Hospice Reimbursement Rates

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008.

Member's County of Residence	Revenue Code			
	0651 (Daily) Routine Home	0652 (Hourly) Continuous Home	0655 (Daily) Inpatient Respite	0656 (Daily) General Inpatient
Brown	\$142.17	\$34.54	\$154.14	\$631.03
Calumet	\$140.87	\$34.23	\$153.03	\$625.65
Chippewa	\$139.63	\$33.93	\$151.96	\$620.51
Columbia	\$154.38	\$37.51	\$164.60	\$681.57
Dane	\$154.38	\$37.51	\$164.60	\$681.57
Douglas	\$144.69	\$35.15	\$156.30	\$641.43
Eau Claire	\$139.63	\$33.93	\$151.96	\$620.51
Fond du Lac	\$141.57	\$34.40	\$153.62	\$628.52
Iowa	\$154.38	\$37.51	\$164.60	\$681.57
Kenosha	\$151.03	\$36.70	\$161.73	\$667.70
Kewaunee	\$142.17	\$34.54	\$154.14	\$631.03
La Crosse	\$141.75	\$34.44	\$153.78	\$629.28
Marathon	\$141.69	\$34.43	\$153.73	\$629.04
Milwaukee	\$147.10	\$35.74	\$158.37	\$651.44
Oconto	\$142.17	\$34.54	\$154.14	\$631.03
Outagamie	\$140.87	\$34.23	\$153.03	\$625.65
Ozaukee	\$147.10	\$35.74	\$158.37	\$651.44
Pierce	\$155.98	\$37.90	\$165.97	\$688.18
Racine	\$139.86	\$33.98	\$152.16	\$621.46
Rock	\$141.92	\$34.48	\$153.93	\$629.99
Sheboygan	\$134.57	\$32.70	\$147.63	\$599.58
St. Croix	\$155.98	\$37.90	\$165.97	\$688.18
Washington	\$147.10	\$35.74	\$158.37	\$651.44
Waukesha	\$147.10	\$35.74	\$158.37	\$651.44
Winnebago	\$140.40	\$34.11	\$152.62	\$623.70
Rural WI*	\$141.57	\$34.40	\$153.62	\$628.52
Rural IA	\$130.44	\$31.69	\$144.09	\$582.49
Rural IL	\$128.10	\$31.13	\$142.09	\$572.80
Rural MI	\$134.35	\$32.64	\$147.44	\$598.67
Rural MN	\$135.62	\$32.95	\$148.53	\$603.93

* All counties in Wisconsin not otherwise listed.