

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Dentists, Dental Hygienists, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Dental Services Covered Under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults

The BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults will be implemented on January 1, 2009, as part of Wisconsin's comprehensive health care reform. This *ForwardHealth Update* describes the coverage and policies for dental services under the Core Plan.

As a result of the recent downturn in the national economy, the expansion of the Core Plan will be implemented in phases. Phase I, which includes individuals already enrolled in Milwaukee County's General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) and other counties' general assistance medical programs, will begin on January 1, 2009. The timeframe for adding new phases will be determined as the Department of Health Services moves forward.

Refer to the December 2008 *Update* (2008-199), titled "Introducing the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults" for general information about covered and noncovered services, reimbursement, copayment, and enrollment.

BadgerCare Plus Core Plan Overview

The BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults covers basic health care services including primary care, preventive care, generic drugs, and a limited number of brand name prescription drugs.

In Milwaukee County, members will receive benefits under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan on a fee-for-service basis from January 1, 2009, through March 31, 2009. Effective April 1, 2009, Core Plan members in Milwaukee County will be enrolled in the state-

contracted HMOs that serve Wisconsin's Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus population. Members will be sent enrollment choice materials beginning in January 2009 and will enroll through Automated Health Systems, Inc., the State's enrollment broker, as they currently do with the BadgerCare Plus population.

Individuals who are converting to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan from non-Milwaukee County general assistance programs will receive their Core Plan benefits on a fee-for-service basis.

All members enrolled in the Core Plan will receive a ForwardHealth identification card.

Covered and Noncovered Services

Dental procedures will only be covered under the Core Plan if performed as an emergency service. Refer to the Attachment of this *ForwardHealth Update* for *Current Dental Terminology* codes that are covered under the Core Plan as emergency services.

The Core Plan does not cover non-emergency dental services.

Reimbursement

Providers will be reimbursed for services provided to members enrolled in the Core Plan at the current Wisconsin Medicaid rate of reimbursement for covered services.

Copayments

Dental services under the Core Plan do not have copayments.

Enrollment Verification

It is imperative that providers verify a member's enrollment to determine if they are covered and in which plan the member is enrolled. Providers are reminded to *always* verify a member's enrollment *before* providing services, both to determine that the individual is enrolled for the current date and to discover any limitations to the member's coverage. Providers have several options to obtain enrollment information through Wisconsin's Enrollment Verification System and should refer to the Online Handbook for more information. Refer to the December 2008 *Update* (2008-200), titled "Member Enrollment Verification for BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults," for more information.

For More Information

For more information or questions regarding the Core Plan, providers may call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627.

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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ATTACHMENT

Dental Procedures Covered Under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults

The following *Current Dental Terminology* codes are covered under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults when performed as emergency services.

Code	Description of Service
Clinical Oral Evaluations	
D0140	Limited oral evaluation — problem focused
Radiographs/Diagnostic Imaging (Including interpretation)	
D0210	Intraoral — complete series (including bitewings)
D0220	periapical first film
D0230	periapical each additional film
D0240	occlusal film
D0250	Extraoral — first film
D0260	each additional film
D0270	Bitewing(s) — single film
D0272	two films
D0274	four films
D0290	Posterior-anterior or lateral skull and facial bone, survey film
D0322	Tomographic survey
D0330	Panoramic film
D0340	Cephalometric film
Extractions	
D7111	Extraction, coronal remnants — deciduous tooth
D7140	Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal)
Surgical Extractions	
D7210	Surgical removal of erupted tooth requiring elevation of mucoperiosteal flap and removal of bone and/or section of tooth
D7220	Removal of impacted tooth; soft tissue
D7230	partially bony
D7240	completely bony
D7241	completely bony, with unusual surgical complications
D7250	Surgical removal of residual tooth roots (cutting procedure)