

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid  
**To:** Blood Banks, Dispensing Physicians, Pharmacies

## Changes to Pharmacy Coverage Under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults Delayed

Changes in pharmacy coverage under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults that were scheduled for April 1, 2009, will be delayed. Providers should disregard the effective date of April 1, 2009, in the December 2008 *ForwardHealth Update* (2008-201), titled "Pharmacy Services Covered Under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults." The Core Plan now covers Plavix, Singulair, and Suboxone.

### Delayed Changes to Pharmacy Coverage Under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

The December 2008 *ForwardHealth Update* (2008-201), titled "Pharmacy Services Covered Under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults," identified several changes to pharmacy policies that would be effective in April 2009. Providers should disregard that effective date.

Pharmacy policies for the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan will not change until further notice. A future *Update* will describe any changes in pharmacy coverage under the Core Plan.

The following pharmacy policies for the Core Plan for members transitioned from the General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) and general assistance (GA) medical programs are still in effect:

- BadgerCare Plus will continue to suspend Prior Authorization/Preferred Drug List (PA/PDL)

requirements, brand medically necessary PA requirements, and diagnosis restriction policies for the following drug classes:

- ✓ Alzheimer's agents.
- ✓ Anticonvulsants.
- ✓ Antidepressants, other.
- ✓ Antidepressants, SSRIs.
- ✓ Antiparkinson's agents.
- ✓ Atypical antipsychotics.
- ✓ Bronchodilators, beta agonists.
- ✓ Glucocorticoids, inhaled.
- ✓ Hypoglycemics, insulins.
- ✓ Stimulants and related agents.
- BadgerCare Plus will continue to cover all agents in the following drug classes:
  - ✓ Bronchodilators, beta agonists.
  - ✓ Glucocorticoids, inhaled.
  - ✓ Hypoglycemics, insulins.
- Mental health drug classes will continue to be covered.

### Additional Drugs Covered by the Core Plan

Effective January 1, 2009, the Core Plan covers the following drugs for members transitioned from the GAMP and GA medical programs:

- Plavix.

- Singulair.
- Suboxone.

## **Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations**

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy for members enrolled in Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus who receive pharmacy services on a fee-for-service basis only. Pharmacy services for Medicaid 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. Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus HMOs 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.

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