

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Hospice Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Hospice Services Under the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan Do Not Have Copayments

This *ForwardHealth Update* informs providers that, effective February 1, 2008, hospice services under the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan do not have copayments. Information in this *Update* replaces information in the December 2007 *Update* (2007-106), titled "Hospice Services Under BadgerCare Plus" regarding copayments for hospice services under the Benchmark Plan.

Hospice Services Under the Benchmark Plan

Effective February 1, 2008, hospice services under the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan do not have copayments. This information replaces information in the December 2007 *BadgerCare Plus Update* (2007-106), titled "Hospice Services Under BadgerCare Plus," which incorrectly stated that the copayment amount for hospice services is \$2.00 per day.

If requested by the member or member's estate, providers are required to reimburse the member or the member's estate if copayments were collected.

Hospice services under the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, the Benchmark Plan, and Wisconsin Medicaid do not have copayments.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *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. Managed care organizations 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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