

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare

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

Swine Flu Antiviral Drugs Are Temporarily Covered by the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan and the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

Effective for dates of service on and after April 29, 2009, Relenza[®] and Tamiflu[®] are temporarily covered during the public health emergency for members enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan and the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan. Relenza[®] and Tamiflu[®] are currently covered and continue to be covered for members enrolled in the Standard Plan, Medicaid, and SeniorCare.

Effective for dates of service on and after April 29, 2009, Relenza[®] and Tamiflu[®] are temporarily covered during the public health emergency for members enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan and the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults with No Dependent Children, also known as Childless Adults. Relenza[®] and Tamiflu[®] are currently covered and continue to be covered for members enrolled in the Standard Plan and Medicaid and for SeniorCare members, unless they are enrolled in Medicare Part D.

Information in this *ForwardHealth Update* does not affect reimbursement or program policy for other services provided to BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members. Other services rendered to BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members continue to be covered and reimbursed according to current ForwardHealth policy.

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 (MCO). 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.

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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