

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Pharmacies, Rehabilitation Agencies, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Procedure Code Updates for Disposable Medical Supplies

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2009, ForwardHealth is updating disposable medical supplies (DMS) coverage.

Additional Procedure Code for Disposable Medical Supplies

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2009, the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan, the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan, and Medicaid now reimburse for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code A4252 (Blood ketone test or reagent strip, each).

Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements

Effective immediately, prior authorization (PA) is no longer needed for procedure code B4088 with modifier “59” except when quantity limits are exceeded.

Providers are reminded that when the quantity of the prescribed disposable medical supplies (DMS) will exceed the quantity limit, providers should receive PA approval *before* dispensing any quantity, including the quantity available without PA.

Changes to Pricing and Quantity Limits of Procedure Codes

Providers should note that ForwardHealth will no longer issue *Updates* when the maximum allowable fee

or maximum quantity limit per month for DMS change. Providers should monitor the maximum allowable fee schedules on the ForwardHealth Portal at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/ for the most up-to-date pricing and quantity limits.

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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