

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid  
**To:** Hospice Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## Hospice Reimbursement Rate Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008, Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus hospice service reimbursement rates will change.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus hospice reimbursement rates are based on hourly and per diem rates established by the federal government for all covered hospice services. Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after October 1, 2008, Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus hospice service reimbursement rates will change.

These reimbursement rate changes revise the federal fiscal year 2009 hospice wage index and federal fiscal year 2009 hospice pricer to include a full budget neutrality adjustment factor (BNAF), rather than a 25 percent reduced BNAF. This change was mandated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was signed into law on February 17, 2009. The Attachment of this *ForwardHealth Update* gives the new hospice rates that are effective for DOS on and after October 1, 2008. Nursing home room and board rates are not impacted by these hospice reimbursement rate changes.

Wisconsin Medicaid will automatically adjust claims submitted and reimbursed at the previous reimbursement rate for services provided on and after October 1, 2008. Adjustments will reflect the lesser of the maximum allowed amount or the amount billed. An announcement will be made on the banner page of the Remittance Advice when the adjustments are made.

### Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to members on fee-for-service only. For managed care organization (MCO) policy, contact the appropriate MCO. State-contracted MCOs 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.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or visit our Web site at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/).

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# ATTACHMENT

## Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus Hospice Reimbursement Rates

**Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008.**

Member's County of Residence	Revenue Code			
	0651 (Daily) Routine Home	0652 (Hourly) Continuous Home	0655 (Daily) Inpatient Respite	0656 (Daily) General Inpatient
Brown	\$143.72	\$34.92	\$155.47	\$637.45
Calumet	\$142.40	\$34.60	\$154.34	\$631.99
Chippewa	\$141.14	\$34.29	\$153.26	\$626.77
Columbia	\$156.13	\$37.93	\$166.10	\$688.78
Dane	\$156.13	\$37.93	\$166.10	\$688.78
Douglas	\$146.27	\$35.54	\$157.66	\$648.01
Eau Claire	\$141.14	\$34.29	\$153.26	\$626.77
Fond du Lac	\$143.11	\$34.77	\$154.94	\$634.90
Iowa	\$156.13	\$37.93	\$166.10	\$688.78
Kenosha	\$152.73	\$37.11	\$163.18	\$674.71
Kewaunee	\$143.72	\$34.92	\$155.47	\$637.45
La Crosse	\$143.30	\$34.82	\$155.11	\$635.69
Marathon	\$143.23	\$34.80	\$155.05	\$635.41
Milwaukee	\$148.73	\$36.14	\$159.76	\$658.17
Oconto	\$143.72	\$34.92	\$155.47	\$637.45
Outagamie	\$142.40	\$34.60	\$154.34	\$631.99
Ozaukee	\$148.73	\$36.14	\$159.76	\$658.17
Pierce	\$157.75	\$38.33	\$167.49	\$695.52
Racine	\$141.37	\$34.35	\$153.46	\$627.72
Rock	\$143.47	\$34.86	\$155.26	\$636.41
Sheboygan	\$136.01	\$33.05	\$148.86	\$605.52
St. Croix	\$157.75	\$38.33	\$167.49	\$695.52
Washington	\$148.73	\$36.14	\$159.76	\$658.17
Waukesha	\$148.73	\$36.14	\$159.76	\$658.17
Winnebago	\$141.92	\$34.48	\$153.93	\$629.99
Rural WI*	\$143.11	\$34.77	\$154.94	\$634.90
Rural IA	\$131.81	\$32.03	\$145.27	\$588.14
Rural IL	\$129.43	\$31.45	\$143.23	\$578.30
Rural MI	\$135.78	\$32.99	\$148.66	\$604.57
Rural MN	\$137.08	\$33.31	\$149.78	\$609.95

\* All counties in Wisconsin not otherwise listed.