

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Ophthalmologists, Opticians, Optometrists, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Modifier “UA” Replaces Discontinued Modifier “RP” for Vision Services, Effective January 1, 2009

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2009, modifier “UA” (Replacement and/or repair for same prescription) replaces modifier “RP” (Replacement and repair) on claims for certain vision services.

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Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2009, providers should use modifier “UA” (Replacement and/or repair for same prescription) when submitting claims for certain vision services. Modifier “RP” (Replacement and repair) has been discontinued as of December 31, 2008.

The “UA” modifier may be used with *Current Procedural Terminology* procedure codes 92340-92353. Providers are reminded that modifier “UA” should only be used for services pertaining to the same prescription. Modifier “U9” (Lens replacement, changed prescription) is used for services pertaining to a new prescription.

Providers who submitted claims with modifier “RP” prior to the publication of this *ForwardHealth Update* may have received responses with Explanation of Benefits codes indicating that the modifier was invalid. Providers may resubmit these claims with modifier “UA” used in place of “RP.”

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.

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