

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Substance Abuse Day Treatment Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **Changes to Substance Abuse Day Treatment Services as a Result of DHS 35 and Changes to DHS 105 and 107**

This *ForwardHealth Update* announces changes to DHS 105 and 107, Wis. Admin. Code, for substance abuse day treatment services with the adoption of DHS 35, Wis. Admin. Code.

### **Changes to Substance Abuse Day Treatment Services**

The Department of Health Services (DHS) recently adopted ch. DHS 35, Wis. Admin. Code, to update its policies and procedures for mental health services.

With the adoption of ch. DHS 35, Wis. Admin. Code, policy and coverage-related changes have been made to chs. DHS 105 (provider certification) and DHS 107 (covered services), Wis. Admin. Code, which affect coverage and prior authorization (PA) of mental health services. These changes are effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2009.

Changes to substance abuse day treatment services include the following:

- Assessment services are limited to eight hours every rolling 12 months per member when billed as a separate detail on a claim before PA is required under DHS 107.13(2)(c)4, Wis. Admin. Code, for the following services:
  - ✓ Substance abuse day treatment (procedure code

H2012 with modifiers “HF” [substance abuse program] and “U6” [assessment]).

- ✓ Outpatient mental health benefit (procedure codes 90801 and 90802).
- ✓ Outpatient substance abuse treatment services (procedure codes 90801 and 90802).
- ✓ Adult mental health day treatment (procedure code H2012 with modifiers HE [mental health program] and U6 [functional assessment]).

Services provided on and after January 1, 2009, are counted toward the new PA limit for assessments.

- Additional assessment hours beyond the eight hours every rolling 12 months require PA. Providers may submit a PA request for assessment hours beyond the eight-hour limit by submitting the Prior Authorization/Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Evaluation Attachment (PA/EA), F-11033 (10/08), along with the Prior Authorization Request Form (PA/RF), F-11018 (10/08).

### ***Prior Authorization Requirement Reminder***

Prior authorization is required before providing any substance abuse day treatment services to a member following the assessment.

## ***Other Changes***

Other changes to DHS 105 and 107, Wis. Admin. Code, either make language consistent with DHS 35, Wis. Admin. Code, or incorporate already existing statewide variances. A future *ForwardHealth Update* will be published with additional information regarding advanced practice nurse prescribers with a psychiatric specialty.

## **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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