

Affected Programs: SeniorCare

To: Blood Banks, Dentists, Dispensing Physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

SeniorCare Extended to December 31, 2012

SeniorCare is a prescription drug assistance program for Wisconsin residents 65 years of age or older who meet the eligibility requirements. The program is designed to help seniors with their prescription drug costs.

SeniorCare began on September 1, 2002, and was due to expire on December 31, 2009. However, the Department of Health Services received approval to extend SeniorCare to December 31, 2012. All current SeniorCare program policies continue to apply.

Seniors apply for SeniorCare for a 12-month benefit period. If eligible, SeniorCare benefits are effective on the first day of the month following the month in which eligibility criteria are met. All SeniorCare members must reapply after 12 months.

Seniors who receive a SeniorCare renewal form in the mail should complete the form and mail it to SeniorCare with the \$30 enrollment fee.

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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