

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

## Hospice Services Covered by BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults with No Dependent Children will cover hospice services.

ForwardHealth is adding services to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults with No Dependent Children to ensure the most appropriate services are covered within the limits of the available funding. Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, hospice services will be covered under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan.

### Covered Services

Hospice services covered under the Core Plan are the same as those covered under the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan. The following table lists the reimbursable hospice revenue codes with the appropriate corresponding Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code under the Core Plan.

Hospice Revenue Code	Corresponding Hospice HCPCS Code	HCPCS Code Description
0651	T2042	Hospice routine home care, per diem
0652	T2043	Hospice continuous home care; per hour
0655	T2044	Hospice inpatient respite care; per diem
0656	T2045	Hospice general inpatient care; per diem

*Note:* Nursing home room and board is not a hospice service. Nursing home services are not covered under the Core Plan.

### Documentation

Documentation required by ForwardHealth for members receiving the hospice benefit is the same for Core Plan members.

### Reimbursement

Providers will be reimbursed for services provided to members at the current Medicaid rate of reimbursement.

### Copayments

There are no copayments for hospice services under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan.

### Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *ForwardHealth 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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