

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists; Pharmacies, Rehabilitation Agencies, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## Procedure Code Updates for Disposable Medical Supplies

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, ForwardHealth is updating disposable medical supplies coverage to reflect 2010 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code changes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These changes include adding and ending HCPCS procedure codes.

### Changes to Procedure Codes for Disposable Medical Supplies

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2010, the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan, the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan, and Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code A4456 (Adhesive remover, wipes, any type, each). Refer to the Attachment of this *ForwardHealth Update* for procedure code requirements. This code replaces A4365 (Adhesive remover wipes, any type, per 50), which is being discontinued as of December 31, 2009.

HCPCS procedure code A4456 *is* included in the home care rate and is not separately reimbursable for members receiving home care services; however, A4456 is *not* included in the nursing home daily rate and is separately reimbursable for members residing in a nursing home. Providers should monitor the interactive maximum allowable fee schedule for the Supplies — Disposable Medical Supplies service area on

the ForwardHealth Portal at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/) for the most up-to-date pricing.

### New Requests for Prior Authorization

Effective immediately, providers are required to use the new procedure code for new prior authorization (PA) requests with DOS on and after January 1, 2010.

### Prior Authorizations Currently in Effect

For an approved or modified PA with discontinued procedure codes currently in effect with grant dates before January 1, 2010, and expiration dates on and after January 1, 2010, providers will be required to amend the PA to request a valid procedure code.

Discontinued procedure codes will remain effective for DOS before January 1, 2010. For claims related to PAs with DOS before January 1, 2010, providers are required to use the discontinued procedure codes.

### 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.

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

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Status	Procedure Code	Allowable Modifier	Replaces Code	Description	Maximum Allowable Fee	Copayment	Maximum Quantity Allowed Per Month	In NH Rate	In HC Rate
Add	A4456	No	A4365	Adhesive remover, wipes, any type, each	\$0.22	\$0.50	100 per month	No	Yes
End Date	A4365			Adhesive remover wipes, any type, per 50					