

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

To: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Optometrists, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Additional Comprehensive Examination Codes for BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

BadgerCare Plus Core Plan members must have a comprehensive exam conducted by a provider within the first year of enrollment. Three additional examination procedure codes have been added to the list of codes that satisfy the Core Plan exam requirement.

Comprehensive Examination Requirement for BadgerCare Plus Core Plan Members

In order to remain enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan, members must have a comprehensive exam conducted by a provider within the first year of enrollment. Providers should work with their state-contracted health plan to meet state reporting requirements for this service. If the provider does not report the exam or if the member does not have an exam, the member may not re-enroll for the Core Plan.

Additional Examination Codes

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2009, the following *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) procedure codes have been added to the list of procedure codes that satisfy the Core Plan comprehensive exam requirement:

- **99218:** Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient which requires these 3 key components:
 - ✓ A detailed or comprehensive history;
 - ✓ A detailed or comprehensive examination; and
 - ✓ Medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.
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Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of low severity.

- **99219:** Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these 3 key components:
 - ✓ A comprehensive history;
 - ✓ A comprehensive examination; and
 - ✓ Medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of moderate severity.

- **99220:** Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these 3 key components:
 - ✓ A comprehensive history;
 - ✓ A comprehensive examination; and
 - ✓ Medical decision making of high complexity.

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of high severity.

These new codes are being added retroactively to the list of qualified examination codes; therefore, if a member received an exam on or after January 1, 2009, and a claim was submitted using one of these three procedure codes, that member will be identified as having met his or her comprehensive exam requirement. Refer to Attachment 1 of this *ForwardHealth Update* for a complete list of CPT codes that satisfy this requirement.

Note: The following procedure codes were inadvertently omitted from the last published list of procedure codes that satisfy the Core Plan comprehensive exam requirement:

- **99284:** Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these 3 key components:
 - ✓ A detailed history;
 - ✓ A detailed examination; and
 - ✓ Medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity, and require urgent evaluation by the physician but do not pose an immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function.

- **99285:** Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these 3 key components within the constraints imposed by the urgency of the patient's clinical condition and/or mental status:
 - ✓ A comprehensive history;

- ✓ A comprehensive examination; and
- ✓ Medical decision making of high complexity.

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity and pose an immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function.

- **99326:** Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these 3 key components:
 - ✓ A detailed history;
 - ✓ A detailed examination; and
 - ✓ Medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 45 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

- **99327:** Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these 3 key components:
 - ✓ A comprehensive history;
 - ✓ A comprehensive examination; and
 - ✓ Medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity. Physicians typically spend 60 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

- **99328:** Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these 3 key components:
 - ✓ A comprehensive history;
 - ✓ A comprehensive examination; and
 - ✓ Medical decision making of high complexity.

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the patient is unstable or has developed a significant new problem requiring immediate physician attention. Physicians typically spend 75 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

- **99336:** Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least 2 of these 3 key components:
 - ✓ A detailed interval history;
 - ✓ A detailed examination; and
 - ✓ Medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 40 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

For More Information

For more information or questions regarding the Core Plan, providers may call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627.

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/.

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ATTACHMENT

Comprehensive Examination Requirement Procedure Codes for BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

The following table list *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) procedure codes that satisfy the comprehensive examination requirement under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for dates of service on and after January 1, 2009.

Procedure Code	Description
99203	Office or other outpatient visit: evaluation and management of new patient: Detailed history/examination and medical decision making of low complexity (30 min)
99204	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of moderate complexity (45 min)
99205	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of high complexity (60 min)
99214	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient: Requires two of the following three: Detailed history, detailed examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity (25 min)
99215	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient: Requires two of the following three: Comprehensive history, comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity (40 min)
99218	Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient: Requires these 3 key components: a detailed or comprehensive history, a detailed or comprehensive examination, and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity. Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of low severity.
99219	Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient: Requires these 3 key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity. Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of moderate severity.
99220	Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient: Requires these 3 key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity. Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of high severity.
99221	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient: Detailed or comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity (30 min)
99222	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of moderate complexity (50 min)

Procedure Code	Description
99223	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of a high complexity (70 min)
99234	Observation or inpatient hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient: Detailed or comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity
99235	Observation or inpatient hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of moderate complexity
99236	Observation or inpatient hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of a high complexity.
99243	Office consultation for a new or established patient: Detailed history/examination and medical decision making of low complexity (40 min)
99244	Office consultation for a new or established patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of moderate complexity (60 min)
99245	Office consultation for a new or established patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of high complexity (80 min)
99253	Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient: Detailed history/examination and medical decision making of low complexity (55 min)
99254	Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of moderate complexity (80 min)
99255	Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient: Comprehensive history/examination and medical decision making of high complexity (110 min)
99284	Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient: Requires these 3 key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.
99285	Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient: Requires these 3 key components within the constraints imposed by the urgency of the patient's clinical condition and/or mental status: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity and pose an immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function.
99326	Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient: Requires these 3 key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity (45 min).
99327	Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient: Requires these 3 key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity (60 min).
99328	Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient: Requires these 3 key components: a comprehensive history, comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity (75 min).

Procedure Code	Description
99336	Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient: Requires at least two of the following three key components: detailed interval history, detailed examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity (40 min).
99337	Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient: Requires two of the following three key components: comprehensive interval history, comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate to high complexity (60 min)
99343	Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient: Detailed history/examination, medical decision making of moderate complexity (45 min)
99344	Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient: Comprehensive history/examination, medical decision making of moderate complexity (60 min)
99345	Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient: Comprehensive history/examination, medical decision making of high complexity (75 min)
99349	Home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient: Requires two of the following three key components: Detailed interval history, detailed examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity (40 min)
99350	Home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient: Requires two of the following three key components: Comprehensive interval history, comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate to high complexity (60 min)
99385	Initial comprehensive preventive medicine: evaluation and management of an individual including an age and gender appropriate history, examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions, and the ordering of laboratory/diagnostic procedures, new patient; 18-39 years
99386	40-64 years
99395	Periodic comprehensive preventive medicine: reevaluation and management of an individual including an age and gender appropriate history, examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions, and the ordering of laboratory/diagnostic procedures, established patient; 18-39 years
99396	40-64 years