

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Durable Medical Equipment Place of Service Codes for Members Residing in a Facility for Developmental Disabilities

This *ForwardHealth Update* clarifies proper use of place of service codes when requesting prior authorization for durable medical equipment for members residing in a facility for developmental disabilities.

Facilities for developmental disabilities (FDD), also referred to as intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR), are reimbursed through their daily rate for durable medical equipment (DME) reasonably associated with the care of residents, such as manual wheelchairs.

Reimbursement for some specialized DME items, such as powered mobility equipment and custom wheelchair positioning systems, is not included in the daily rate. These items may be separately reimbursable when medically necessary and when prior authorized by ForwardHealth.

When requesting prior authorization (PA) (or submitting a claim) for DME for members residing in an FDD, providers are required to use place of service (POS) code 31 (skilled nursing facility) or 32 (nursing facility) in Element 20 of the Prior Authorization Request Form (PA/RF), F-11018 (10/08).

Providers should confirm the licensure of the member's facility by using the FDD index which can be found at dhs.wisconsin.gov/bqaconsumer/FDDs/FDDindex.htm.

Note: Providers may continue to use POS 12 (home) for PA requests for members residing in a community-based residential facility or an adult family home.

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.

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