

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid  
**To:** Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **Hospitals Will Receive Performance-Based Payments for State Fiscal Year 2010 for Reporting Measures to Checkpoint**

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has reserved \$5 million in funds for performance-based payments to acute care, children's hospitals, and rehabilitation hospitals located in Wisconsin. The DHS will provide this incentive for hospitals that self-report performance measures on the CheckPoint Web site. Hospitals may receive additional payments for scoring at or above the state average for performance measures. There is an additional incentive for hospitals to submit a Readmissions Report to the DHS.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) will continue performance-based payments for state fiscal year 2010 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) in order to provide incentive for hospitals to self-report performance measures on the CheckPoint Web site, [www.wisconsincheckpoint.org/](http://www.wisconsincheckpoint.org/). The DHS will provide additional payments to hospitals that score at or above the state-wide average for performance measures as calculated by the Wisconsin CheckPoint hospital quality reporting program. There is an additional incentive for hospitals to submit a Readmissions Report to the DHS.

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### **Reporting CheckPoint Measures for Performance-Based Payments**

Hospitals may report CheckPoint measures on the CheckPoint Web site for state fiscal year 2010. Incentive payment criteria for reporting include the following CheckPoint performance measures:

- Patient experience of care. Hospitals will report 10 measures based on patient completion of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems questionnaire.
- Surgical infection prevention index. Hospitals will report the percentage of surgical patients that were given all the care they needed in order to prevent an infection based on selected measures.
- Flu vaccines given to pneumonia patients. Hospitals will report the percentage of pneumonia patients age 65 and older that are asked if they have received a flu shot. If they have not received one, they are given a flu shot before they leave the hospital.
- Surgical care improvement and clot prevention medication given. Hospitals will report the percentage of surgical patients that received venous thromboembolism prophylaxis within 24 hours of surgery.
- Perinatal measures. Hospitals will report seven measures of perinatal care. This is a new reporting measure for fiscal year 2010.

## **Additional Payments for Submitting Readmissions Report**

Hospitals can also receive additional payment for submitting a Readmissions Report to the DHS. At a minimum, hospitals must include the following information in the report:

- The hospital's discharge planning policy.
- How the hospital measures readmissions.
- How the hospital identifies preventable readmissions.
- Who the hospital partners with in the community to avoid readmissions.
- How the hospital follows up with patients after they have left the hospital.

Providers should send the Readmissions Report by August 16, 2010, to the following address:

Bureau of Fiscal Management  
Readmissions Report  
Department of Health Services  
1 W Wilson St, Rm 265  
PO Box 309  
Madison WI 53701-0309

## **Funding Distribution by Measure**

The \$5 million in funds allocated by the DHS to pay for performance-based payments and the payment for providing a Readmissions Report will be distributed as follows:

- \$0.5 million for reporting the patient experience of care measure and \$0.5 million for scoring at or above the state average in the patient experience of care measure Staff-Provided Discharge Instruction.
- \$0.5 million for reporting the surgical infection prevention index and \$0.5 million for scoring at or above the state average in the surgical infection prevention index measure.

- \$0.5 million for reporting the flu vaccine for pneumonia patients and \$0.5 million for scoring at or above the state average in the flu vaccine for pneumonia patient's measure.
- \$0.5 million for reporting the surgical care improvement and clot prevention medication given measure.
- \$1 million for reporting the perinatal measure.
- \$0.5 million for providing a Readmissions Report to the DHS.

## **Data Source for Funding Determination**

The funds will be distributed for the first four measures based on the data submitted to CheckPoint as of the March 15, 2010, update. The fifth measure, the perinatal measure, will be based on the data entered into Wisconsin Checkpoint as of the May 19, 2010, update. The DHS will not know the state-wide averages until the fiscal year 2010 data have been collected and analyzed.

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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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