

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan
To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Non-emergency Transportation Is Now Covered by the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2010, the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan will cover non-emergency transportation.

Coverage of Non-emergency Transportation

Due to changes in federal regulations, effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after July 1, 2010, the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan will cover non-emergency transportation. Non-emergency transportation can be provided by common carrier and by specialized medical vehicle (SMV) providers.

Copayment, coverage, policies, and procedures for non-emergency transportation for the Benchmark Plan are the same as the copayment, coverage, policies, and procedures for the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan. Refer to the Online Handbook on the ForwardHealth Portal at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/ for covered services, policies, and procedures for SMVs.

Common carrier is any mode of transportation, other than an ambulance or SMV, approved and reimbursed by the local certifying agency. Providers should refer members to their local certifying agency for information regarding common carrier transportation.

Specialized medical vehicle providers transport members with a documented physical or mental disability that prevents them from traveling safely in a

common carrier or private motor vehicle to covered services. Specialized medical vehicle providers are reimbursed for services provided to members for whom they have a valid Certification of Need for Specialized Medical Vehicle Transportation form, F-1197 (06/09).

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.

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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