

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

## **Claim Submission Clarification of X-Ray and Diagnostic Urinalysis Services for Chiropractic Providers**

This *ForwardHealth Update* clarifies claim submission of X-ray and diagnostic urinalysis services for chiropractic providers. X-ray and diagnostic urinalysis services are reimbursable by ForwardHealth only when performed on the same date of service as an initial office visit.

### **Claim Submission for X-Ray and Diagnostic Urinalysis**

X-ray and diagnostic urinalysis services are reimbursable by ForwardHealth only when performed on the same date of service (DOS) as an initial office visit (procedure code 99201).

The X-ray or diagnostic urinalysis may be billed on the same claim with the initial office visit or on a separate claim. If billed on a separate claim, the claim must include a detail indicating procedure code 99201, the DOS of the initial office visit, and a \$0.00 charge if the initial office visit was previously reimbursed by ForwardHealth.

Up to four X-rays are allowed per spell of illness (SOI).

Providers are required to indicate the single, most appropriate procedure code and modifier to describe the service performed. Providers may not submit claims with multiple radiology codes to describe a single service that was provided. Refer to the chiropractic maximum allowable fee schedule for allowable

procedure codes and to the chiropractic area of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook for additional billing information.

### **New Spell of Illness**

As a reminder, on the first claim for a SOI, the date and procedure code 99201 with the appropriate charge are required to be indicated on the claim. For subsequent claims for services related to the new SOI, the date of the SOI and procedure code 99201 must still be indicated on the claim. Enter a \$0.00 charge on the claim if the initial office visit was previously reimbursed by ForwardHealth.

### **Covered Services and Service Limitations**

Chiropractic services are covered for members enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan, the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan, and the BadgerCare Plus Basic Plan. Refer to the Online Handbook for plan-specific service limitations.

### **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.

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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