

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, Medicaid

To: Personal Care Agencies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Discretionary Variances for Registered Nurse Supervisory Visits and Discretionary Waivers of Qualifications for Registered Nurse Supervisors Discontinued

ForwardHealth discontinues granting discretionary variances to the personal care 60-day registered nurse (RN) supervisory home visit requirement. ForwardHealth also discontinues the form for requesting discretionary waivers of personal care RN supervisor qualifications.

Discretionary Variances for Registered Nurse Supervisory Visits Discontinued

ForwardHealth no longer accepts the following forms:

- Medical Professional Statement in Support of Request for Variance of 60-Day Supervisory Visit Requirement, F-1174 (10/08).
- Member Request for Variance of 60-Day Supervisory Visit Requirement, F-1175 (10/08).

This *ForwardHealth Update* serves as notice to personal care providers with discretionary variances of the requirements of registered nurse (RN) supervisory visits under s. DHS 105.17(2)(b)(3) and DHS 107.112(3)(c), Wis. Admin. Code, that the terms of the variance terminate effective March 1, 2011.

Discretionary Waivers of Qualifications for a Registered Nurse Supervisor Discontinued

ForwardHealth discontinues the form created for personal care providers to request discretionary waivers of qualifications for RN supervisors. Providers used the form

to request discretionary waivers of administrative rules. Since the rules are no longer in effect, the Request for Discretionary Waiver of Qualifications for a Registered Nurse Supervisor form, F-1142 (02/09), has been discontinued.

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.

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