

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

Hospitals Will Receive Performance-Based Payments for State Fiscal Year 2011

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has reserved \$5 million for performance-based payments to acute care hospitals, children's hospitals, and rehabilitation hospitals located in Wisconsin. The DHS will provide this incentive for hospitals that report and score at or above the state average for several performance measures on the CheckPoint Web site.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) will continue performance-based payments for state fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011). The DHS has reserved \$5 million for performance-based payments to acute care hospitals, children's hospitals, and rehabilitation hospitals.

Reporting CheckPoint Measures for Performance-Based Payments

Hospitals may report CheckPoint measures on the CheckPoint Web site for state fiscal year 2011. Incentive payment criteria for reporting include the following CheckPoint performance measures:

1. Perinatal measures — Hospitals will report seven measures of perinatal care.
2. Patient experience of care — Hospitals will report 10 measures based on patient completion of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems questionnaire.
3. 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.

4. Flu vaccines given to pneumonia patients — Hospitals will report the percentage of pneumonia patients age 50 and older who 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, if indicated.
5. 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.

Funding Distribution by Measure

The \$5 million allocated by the DHS to pay for performance-based payments will be distributed as follows:

1. \$0.5 million is available for reporting the seven perinatal measures and \$0.5 million for scoring at or above the state average for the Pre-birth Steroids, Breast Feeding, and Infant Composite measures.
2. \$1 million is available for scoring at or above the statewide average for the Patient Experience of Care Measure.
3. \$1 million is available for scoring at or above the statewide average for the Surgical Infection Prevention Index.
4. \$1 million is available for scoring at or above the statewide average for the Flu Vaccine for Pneumonia Patients Measure.
5. \$1 million for scoring at or above the statewide average for Surgical Care Improvement and Clot Prevention Medication Given Measure.

Data Source for Funding Determination

The funds will be distributed for the five measures based on the data submitted to CheckPoint as of the April 15, 2011, CheckPoint update. The DHS will not know the state-wide averages until the fiscal year 2011 data have been collected and analyzed.

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.

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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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