

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program, Wisconsin Well Woman Program  
**To:** Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **National Provider Identifier Subpart Policy for Hospitals**

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Accredited Standards Committee X12 version 5010 transaction standards have clarified the use of subpart National Provider Identifiers (NPIs), requiring billing providers to use the most detailed level of enumeration for subparts. For this reason, hospitals are asked to provide ForwardHealth with all subpart NPIs they currently use with other payers, including Medicare.

### **National Provider Identifier Subpart Policy**

Current ForwardHealth policy directs hospital providers to report National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) for certain subparts as secondary NPIs, which are subsequently used to process Medicare automatic crossover claims. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 version 5010 transaction standards have clarified the use of subpart NPIs, requiring billing providers to use the most detailed level of enumeration for subparts. For this reason, hospitals are asked to provide ForwardHealth with all subpart NPIs they currently use with other payers, including Medicare.

Providers are asked to provide ForwardHealth with only those subpart NPIs that represent hospital units that are *not* separately certified by Wisconsin Medicaid. ForwardHealth uses subpart NPIs as additional identifiers that are linked to the hospital's certification.

Once a subpart NPI is on file with Wisconsin Medicaid, a hospital provider may use the subpart NPI to conduct

business with ForwardHealth, such as using the subpart NPI as the billing provider on claims. On adjustments, providers are reminded that the billing provider NPI on the original claim and the billing provider NPI on the adjustment must match.

If a hospital provider is certified with Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP) or Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) in addition to Medicaid, ForwardHealth will presume the provider's subpart NPIs provided to Medicaid also apply to their WCDP or WWWP certification. For this reason, providers are not required to separately report WCDP or WWWP subpart NPIs.

### ***Collection of Hospital Subpart National Provider Identifiers***

To assist with the implementation of the subpart NPI policy, ForwardHealth will be contacting hospital providers and will work with them to add subpart NPIs for the hospital.

Once a hospital's subpart NPIs are on file with ForwardHealth following the initial outreach, hospital providers will be able to add to or revise this information using a new feature on the ForwardHealth Portal. The feature allows subpart NPIs to be viewed or modified through demographic maintenance on the secure Provider area of the Portal at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/). In addition to subpart NPIs, providers are asked to report the taxonomy code(s) that corresponds to the subpart. Once submitted, hospital providers may check demographic maintenance on

the secure Provider area of the Portal periodically to find out whether ForwardHealth has added the subparts to the provider file. Providers who do not have secure Portal access may use the revised Provider Change of Address or Status form, F-01181 (09/11), to report subpart NPIs and corresponding taxonomy codes.

Beginning October 16, 2011, subpart NPIs on file with ForwardHealth may be used on claim transactions (regardless of the HIPAA ASC X12 version being submitted; i.e., 4010 or 5010), prior authorization requests, WiCall, enrollment verification, provider certification, Provider Services inquiries, and the Portal.

### ***Subpart National Provider Identifier Impact on Remittances***

The hospital subpart NPI information outlined in this *ForwardHealth Update* will not impact current hospital reimbursement. Remittances will continue to go to the Taxpayer Identification Number and pay-to information on file with ForwardHealth.

Once a hospital provider's subpart NPI is on file with ForwardHealth, the 5010 version of the 835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835) will indicate which NPI was submitted for the claim(s) being paid. The 4010 version of the 835, however, will continue to include only the hospital billing NPI. The electronic Remittance Advice, which is available on the secure Provider area of the Portal in both text (TXT) and comma-separated value (CSV) formats, will also report only the hospital billing NPI.

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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