

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

## **New Procedure Codes for Mileage for Transports by Ambulance Providers**

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Ambulance providers are required to indicate one of the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes on claims to be reimbursed for mileage:

- A0380 (BLS mileage [per mile]).
- A0390 (ALS mileage [per mile]).

Procedure codes A0380 and A0390 may be billed in conjunction with an appropriate transport procedure code. A quantity of "1" equals 1 mile for procedure codes A0380 and A0390.

Procedure code A0425 (Ground mileage, per statute mile) will no longer be reimbursed by BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid for ambulance services effective for DOS on and after July 1, 2011, except when it appears on a Medicare crossover claim for a dual eligible. Medicare crossover claims for dual eligibles with procedure code A0425 will continue to process as they currently do. BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid claims previously reimbursed with DOS on and after July 1,

2011, with procedure code A0425, do not need to be adjusted.

The reimbursement rate for mileage billed with procedure codes A0380 and A0390 is the same as the reimbursement rate for procedure code A0425.

For more information about ambulance services, providers may refer to the Ambulance service area of the Online Handbook on the ForwardHealth Portal at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/).

### **Stretcher/Non-emergency Ambulance Transportation**

The non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) contractor, LogistiCare Solutions, LLC, continues to arrange the transportation for certain Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members who are eligible to receive rides through LogistiCare.

LogistiCare provides coordination and reimbursement for Medicaid-certified ambulance providers for the non-emergency transportation of a member if the member suffers from an illness or injury that prevents him or her from traveling safely by any other means. Stretcher/non-emergency ambulance providers who have contracted with LogistiCare should submit claims to LogistiCare for these transportation services.

LogistiCare also reimburses claims for limited medical services provided during a stretcher/non-emergency ambulance trip. Providers should continue to submit claims to ForwardHealth for all other medical services provided during a stretcher/non-emergency ambulance trip.

As a reminder, NEMT policy applies to all members except the following:

- Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus members who are enrolled in an HMO in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington, and Waukesha counties.
- Members residing in nursing homes.
- Members who are enrolled in Family Care.

Ambulance providers should refer to the Non-emergency Medical Transportation service area of the Online Handbook for complete information about NEMT services and LogistiCare.

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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