

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program

To: Pathologists, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Radiologists, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Professional Claims Billed by Pathology or Radiology Physician Group Providers Will Require Rendering Provider's National Provider Identifier

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Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after February 1, 2012, all professional claims billed by pathology or radiology physician group providers must include the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of a certified rendering provider. This requirement applies to claims submitted to Wisconsin Medicaid and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP).

To comply, individual pathologists, radiologists, and other providers who bill under a pathology or radiology physician group and who are not already certified with Wisconsin Medicaid and, if applicable, with WCDP are encouraged to begin the certification process immediately.

ForwardHealth will deny professional claim details billed by pathology or radiology physician group providers if the NPI of a Medicaid-certified rendering provider is not indicated.

Note: Provider-submitted Medicare crossover claims billed by pathology or radiology physician group providers will also be required to include the rendering provider's NPI.

Obtaining Medicaid Certification

For information on how to apply for Medicaid certification, providers may refer to the Become a Provider page on the ForwardHealth Portal at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/. Providers can access the Become a Provider page by selecting the "Become a Provider" link in the upper left-hand corner of the main Portal page.

Providers interested in certification for WCDP should call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 for more information.

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.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or visit our Web site at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

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