

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## ForwardHealth Coverage of Computer-Based Testing of Student Athletes for Post-Concussion Syndrome

Effective for dates of service on and after *July 1, 2011*, ForwardHealth will reimburse physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners for computer-based neuropsychological testing of student athletes for post-concussion syndrome.

### Covered Services

In response to growing concerns surrounding concussions received by student athletes, effective for dates of service on and after *July 1, 2011*, ForwardHealth will reimburse physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners for computer-based neuropsychological post-concussion testing of student athletes enrolled in BadgerCare Plus or Wisconsin Medicaid. The rendering provider is required to be trained to correctly interpret the test.

The computer-based neuropsychological post-concussion test should be compared with a computer-based pre-concussion baseline test administered by the student's athletic organization before the injury occurred. The administration of a pre-concussion baseline test is not reimbursable.

On claims for computer-based neuropsychological post-concussion testing of student athletes, providers should indicate *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) procedure code 96120 (Neuropsychological testing [eg, Wisconsin Card Sorting Test], administered by a computer, with qualified health care professional interpretation and report). The

allowable *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* diagnosis codes for computer-based neuropsychological post-concussion testing of student athletes are 310.2 (Postconcussion syndrome) or 850.0-850.9 (Concussion).

Neurologists, psychiatrists, and other allowable providers may continue to submit claims with CPT code 96120 for other diagnoses in accordance with current ForwardHealth policy.

Providers may refer to the interactive maximum allowable fee schedule on the Provider area of the ForwardHealth Portal for reimbursement rates for computer-based neuropsychological post-concussion testing of student athletes.

### 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.

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