

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan, BadgerCare Plus Core Plan, Medicaid

**To:** Federally Qualified Health Centers, Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## Introducing the Medication Therapy Management Benefit

Effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2012, ForwardHealth will implement a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) benefit in conjunction with the Wisconsin Pharmacy Quality Collaborative (WPQC) Program. Providers who would like to offer comprehensive medication therapy review and assessments to members are encouraged to apply for WPQC certification now.

A future *ForwardHealth Update* will provide more detailed information about the new MTM benefit.

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The MTM benefit will replace the current Pharmaceutical Care program.

The MTM benefit will include the following types of services:

- Intervention-based services.
- Comprehensive medication reviews and assessments.

Intervention-based services are drug product-focused services that will be reimbursed on a per-intervention basis. Certification through the Wisconsin Pharmacy Quality Collaborative (WPQC) is not required to perform intervention-based services.

Comprehensive medication reviews and assessments are private consultations between the pharmacist and member to manage the drug therapy regimen. To perform comprehensive medication therapy and assessment reviews and be reimbursed by ForwardHealth, both the pharmacy and pharmacist are required to be certified by the WPQC. Providers who would like to offer comprehensive medication therapy reviews and assessments for their members for DOS on and after September 1, 2012, are encouraged to begin the WPQC certification process now. The Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin (PSW) manages the WPQC training and certification process, and has established rates for certification. For more information about the certification process, providers should visit PSW's Web site at [pswi.org/wpqc/](http://pswi.org/wpqc/).

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Medication Therapy Management will be reimbursed fee-for-service for members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus HMOs and Medicaid SSI HMOs.

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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