

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

To: Hospital Providers, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Changes to Requirements for Transplant Services

Effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2012, hospital providers are no longer required to obtain prior authorization (PA) for solid organ transplants. Hospital providers are required to continue to obtain PA for bone marrow, hematopoietic stem cell (including cord blood stem cell transplants), and other transplants.

Prior Authorization No Longer Required for Solid Organ Transplants

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after September 1, 2012, hospital providers are no longer required to obtain prior authorization (PA) for the following solid organ transplants:

- Heart.
- Liver.
- Lung.
- Pancreas.
- Small bowel.

Transplants involving combinations of the above organs (e.g., heart-lung) will no longer require PA effective for DOS on and after September 1, 2012.

Kidney and cornea transplants will continue to not require PA.

Organ transplants must be medically necessary and must be performed in an approved United Network for Organ Sharing transplant center.

As a reminder, out-of-state providers without border-status certification are still required to obtain PA for non-emergency services, including solid organ transplants.

Prior Authorization Still Required for Certain Transplants

Hospital providers are required to continue to obtain PA for bone marrow, hematopoietic stem cell (including cord blood stem cell transplants), and other transplants not listed above.

The hospital and the transplant physician are encouraged to jointly complete and submit the Prior Authorization Request Form (PA/RF), F-11018 (07/12), and Prior Authorization Physician Attachment (PA/PA), F-11016 (07/12), including relevant patient information with the PA request.

Hospital providers are required to include the appropriate *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) surgical procedure code on PA requests and claims for bone marrow, hematopoietic stem cell, and other transplants. Hospital providers are no longer required to include a revenue code for organ acquisition services (revenue codes 0810-0819) on these PA requests and claims, unless appropriate.

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. The policies and procedures regarding managed care enrollment exemptions for members receiving certain types

of transplants remain unchanged. Providers and managed care organizations should continue to follow current procedures to request managed care enrollment exemptions for members receiving certain types of transplants.

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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