

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program  
**To:** Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## Upcoming Training Available Regarding the New Reimbursement Methodology for Outpatient Hospital Services

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Beginning in October 2012, outpatient hospital providers, billing staff, and billing vendors are encouraged to attend a training session regarding the implementation of the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG) reimbursement methodology. The EAPG System is a new outpatient hospital service reimbursement structure that will be implemented by ForwardHealth for claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2013. The implementation of the EAPG System will impact reimbursement to outpatient hospitals providing services to members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, Wisconsin Medicaid, and the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program.

### Covered Topics

The following topics will be covered at the EAPG System training sessions:

- Policy and billing.
  - ✓ Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping methodology.
  - ✓ Discounting.
  - ✓ Packaging.
  - ✓ Billing recommendations.
  - ✓ Billing outpatient hospital crossover claims.

- ✓ Claim adjustments.
- ✓ Changes to the Remittance Advice.
- Rate setting.
- Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping System demonstration.

### Registering for On-Site or Virtual Room Training Sessions

ForwardHealth will offer both on-site and Virtual Room (real-time, online) sessions for the EAPG System trainings. The following on-site sessions are available:

- October 17: Holiday Inn Campus Area, Eau Claire.
- October 18: The Plaza Hotel and Suites, Wausau.
- October 19: Crowne Plaza, Madison.
- October 31: The Meadows at Country Inn and Suites, Green Bay.
- November 1: Country Springs Hotel, Pewaukee.

A Virtual Room session is available and will be split between two dates:

- November 13: Module 1.
- November 14: Module 2.

Registration is required prior to attending/participating in either the on-site or Virtual Room sessions. For more information about on-site and Virtual Room sessions and to register online, go to the Trainings page of the Provider area of the ForwardHealth Portal at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/).

Providers may also register by calling Provider Services at (800) 947-9627. Registrants will receive a training session confirmation number that they should keep for their records. Providers who have questions about registration or are unable to attend a session for which registration has been confirmed should call Provider Services and have their confirmation number available.

### **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.

Medicaid SSI HMOs, BadgerCare Plus HMOs, and other ForwardHealth managed care programs will not be implementing the EAPG System at this time. Providers will be notified of implementation plans for Medicaid HMOs and other managed care programs.

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/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/).

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