

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare

To: Blood Banks, Family Planning Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Narcotic Treatment Services Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

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Prospective DUR is applied to all BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and SeniorCare real-time Point-of-Sale claims submitted to ForwardHealth. Prospective DUR provides information to the pharmacist regarding medications dispensed at other pharmacies and also potential drug contraindications based on a member's medical claims history. For more information about prospective DUR alerts, providers may refer to the Prospective Drug Utilization Review System topic (topic #1977) of the Drug Utilization Review chapter of the Claims section of the Online Handbook at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

A future *Update* will describe changes to other prospective DUR alerts as they are implemented.

Pregnancy Alert

Effective for dates of process on and after May 15, 2012, the list of diagnosis codes that identify pregnancy or termination of pregnancy has been updated to ensure that the most current and most specific diagnosis codes are being used for the pregnancy prospective DUR alert.

Drug-Drug Interaction

Effective for dates of process on and after July 1, 2012, providers will no longer receive the drug-drug interaction prospective DUR alert when the pharmacy and prescriber from a current claim matches the pharmacy and prescriber from a claim in ForwardHealth history.

Therapeutic Duplication

Effective for dates of process on and after July 1, 2012, providers will no longer receive the therapeutic duplication prospective DUR alert when the pharmacy and prescriber from a current claim matches the pharmacy and prescriber from a claim in ForwardHealth history.

Also, effective for dates of process on and after July 1, 2012, providers will receive the therapeutic duplication prospective DUR alert when another drug that is present in claims history is in the same therapeutic class as the drug being dispensed. Previously, the therapeutic duplication prospective DUR alert monitored drugs for the same active ingredient. Refer to the Attachment of this *Update* for a list

of therapeutic duplication drug classes for the therapeutic duplication prospective DUR alert.

Suboptimal Regimen

Effective for dates of process on and after March 20, 2012, the suboptimal regimen prospective DUR alert has been discontinued, although providers are encouraged to continue to split tablets or consolidate doses when clinically appropriate and cost-effective.

Patient Age

Effective for dates of process on and after July 6, 2012, the patient age prospective DUR alert has been discontinued. This includes both the geriatric (members who are 65 years of age and older) and the pediatric (members who are 18 years of age and younger) components of the alert.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy for members enrolled in Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus who receive pharmacy services on a fee-for-service basis only. Pharmacy services for Medicaid members enrolled in the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Family Care Partnership are provided by the member's managed care organization.

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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ATTACHMENT

Therapeutic Duplication Drug Classes

The therapeutic duplication drug classes for the therapeutic duplication prospective drug utilization review alert include the following:

- Anti-anxiety agents.
- Antidepressants.
- Antihistamines.
- Antihypertensives.
- Antipsychotics.
- Antithrombotics.
- Barbiturates.
- Cardiovascular agents.
- Diuretics.
- Histamine H2 receptor inhibitors.
- Hypoglycemics.
- Narcotic analgesics.
- Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (including COX2 selective agents).
- Oral contraceptives.
- Platelet aggregation inhibitors.
- Proton pump inhibitors.
- Sedative-hypnotics.
- Skeletal muscle relaxants.