

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **Hospital Access Payments Discontinued for Fiscal Year 2012**

The Department of Health Services is discontinuing hospital access payments for inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital claims received and processed on and after November 1, 2012, for dates of service between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

The Department of Health Services will no longer pay hospital access payments for inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital claims received and processed on and after November 1, 2012, for dates of service (DOS) between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012. Access payments for inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital services for DOS on and after July 1, 2012, are not affected by this suspension.

Access payments are only provided until the money budgeted for the fiscal year has been paid out. Once the budgeted amount has been paid out, the payments are discontinued until the next fiscal year.

### **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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