

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare

**To:** Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

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The following covered OTC drugs are not included in the nursing home daily rate and providers may request separate reimbursement for these OTCs:

- Acne agents.
- Iron supplements for pregnant women.
- Insulin.
- Tobacco cessation.

For a list of covered OTC drugs and diabetic supplies, providers may refer to the following pharmacy data tables on the Pharmacy page of the Providers area of the ForwardHealth Portal at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/Provider/medicaid/pharmacy/resources.htm.spage](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/Provider/medicaid/pharmacy/resources.htm.spage):

- Diabetic Supply List Quick Reference.
- Over the Counter Drugs – Covered (BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid).

The OTC list now indicates which OTC drugs are separately reimbursable for members residing in a nursing home.

### **Reminder to Enddate a Nursing Home Authorization Segment with a Discharge Date**

Nursing home providers are reminded to enddate a member's nursing home authorization segment when the member is officially discharged from the nursing home. Providers can do this by submitting an updated Request for Nursing Home Care Determination form, F-01020 (06/12), to ForwardHealth with a nursing home discharge date.

The enddating of a nursing home authorization segment on a member's enrollment file allows the member to access services, such as transportation services by the transportation manager, after the member has been discharged to a community setting and allows other providers, such as

pharmacies, to be reimbursed for services provided to the member. Claims submitted by pharmacies will be denied if the member's nursing home authorization segment is still "active" for the date of service billed.

Providers can refer to the June 2012 *ForwardHealth Update* (2012-21), titled "Nursing Home Care Determinations and Hospice Policies for Nursing Home Residents," for more information.

### **Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations**

This *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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