

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

Postponement of Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups Implementation

The implementation of the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG) reimbursement methodology, originally slated for January 1, 2013, has been postponed until April 1, 2013. All policies related to EAPG reimbursement as outlined in the October 2012 *ForwardHealth Update* (2012-55), titled “Implementation of the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups Reimbursement Methodology,” will go into effect for dates of service (DOS) on and after April 1, 2013. This includes any claim processing edits related to the National Correct Coding Initiative.

New outpatient per-visit rates will be effective for DOS from January 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013, and will be posted on the Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Rates and Inpatient Hospital Weights page of the ForwardHealth Portal at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

Once the EAPG system is implemented, ForwardHealth reimbursement of outpatient hospital services will change from a rate-per-visit reimbursement to a packaged reimbursement, similar to diagnosis-related groupings for inpatient hospital services. Refer to *Update* 2012-55 and the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups page on the Portal for more information. Providers with specific questions regarding EAPG may e-mail them to vedseapgsupport@wisconsin.gov.

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. Members enrolled only in the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are not enrolled in MCOs.

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 AIDS/HIV Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are 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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