

Affected Programs: SeniorCare

To: Blood Banks, Dentists, Dispensing Physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

SeniorCare Extended to December 31, 2015

SeniorCare is a prescription drug assistance program for Wisconsin residents 65 years of age and older who meet the eligibility requirements. SeniorCare began on September 1, 2002, and was due to expire on December 31, 2012; however, the Department of Health Services has received approval to extend SeniorCare to December 31, 2015. All current SeniorCare program policies continue to apply. In addition, effective September 1, 2012, the pharmaceutical care benefit has been replaced by Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services. For information on the MTM benefit, providers can refer to the August 2012 *ForwardHealth Update* (2012-39), titled “Medication Therapy Management Benefit,” and the June 2012 *Update* (2012-29), titled “Introducing the Medication Therapy Management Benefit.”

Seniors apply for SeniorCare for a 12-month benefit period. If eligible, SeniorCare benefits are effective on the first day of the month following the month in which eligibility criteria are met. All SeniorCare members must reapply after 12 months.

Seniors who receive a SeniorCare renewal form in the mail should complete the form and mail it to SeniorCare with the \$30 enrollment fee.

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.

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