

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Anesthesiologists, Anesthesiologist Assistants, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Dentists, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Oral Surgeons, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **Policy Clarification and Revised Claim Submission Instructions Regarding Maximum Daily Reimbursement Limits**

ForwardHealth has a maximum daily reimbursement limit for services performed on the same date of service for the same member. This *ForwardHealth Update* clarifies the maximum daily reimbursement limit policy and provides information regarding a streamlined claim submission process for specific situations where the limit may be exceeded.

### **Maximum Daily Reimbursement Limit**

As a reminder to providers, ForwardHealth reimbursement for services performed on the same date of service (DOS) for the same member by the same rendering provider is limited to \$2,331.37 for services rendered by the following providers:

- Anesthesiologists.
- Anesthesiologist Assistants.
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.
- Dentists.
- Nurse Midwives.
- Nurse Practitioners.
- Oral Surgeons.
- Physician Assistants.
- Physicians.
- Podiatrists.

The maximum daily reimbursement limit does not apply to physician-administered drugs or durable medical equipment.

### **Requests to Exceed Maximum Daily Reimbursement Limit**

As a clarification, providers may request additional reimbursement to exceed the maximum daily reimbursement limit when *both* of the following criteria are met:

1. A surgery exceeds six hours or anesthesia exceeds 7.5 hours.

AND

2. The *Medicaid-allowed* amount for the services meets or exceeds the maximum daily reimbursement limit.

### **Submitting Supporting Documentation**

Changes have been made to the process for requesting reimbursement in excess of the maximum daily reimbursement limit in an effort to streamline the process. Effective for claims submitted on and after January 15, 2013, regardless of DOS, providers are required to submit the following information on the claim:

- In the Notes field, indicate “request for additional reimbursement for surgery in excess of 6 hours,” or “request for additional reimbursement for anesthesia services in excess of 7.5 hours.”
- Attach supporting documentation to the claim that clearly indicates the length of the surgery or the length

of the anesthesia services, such as a post-operative report.

Providers are reminded of the following options for providing supporting documentation along with a claim:

- On paper with supporting documentation submitted on paper.
- Electronically using Direct Data Entry through the Portal, Provider Electronic Solutions (PES) transactions, or 837 Health Care Claim electronic transactions. For more information, refer to the Portal User Guides, the PES User Manual, or the ForwardHealth Companion Guides on the Portal.
- Electronically with an indication that supporting documentation will be submitted separately on paper. For more information, refer to the ForwardHealth Companion Guides on the Portal.

## **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 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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