

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

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

Reminder: Reimbursement for Certain Disposable Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment, and Enteral Nutrition Products Included in Nursing Home Daily Rate

Providers are reminded that reimbursement for certain disposable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, and enteral nutrition products is included in the nursing home daily rate and is not separately reimbursable for Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members residing in nursing homes.

Reminder Regarding Reimbursement for Certain Disposable Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment, and Enteral Nutrition Products

Certain disposable medical supplies (DMS), durable medical equipment (DME), and enteral nutrition products are reimbursed as part of the nursing home daily rate when provided to Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members residing in nursing homes. Therefore, ForwardHealth will not separately reimburse providers for these items/products if there is a nursing home room and board claim for the date(s) of service (DOS) on the claim. All claims for these items/products are subject to post-payment review.

For more information about what is included in the nursing home daily rate, refer to the Methods of Implementation for Wisconsin Medicaid Nursing Home Payment Rates document, available on the Provider-specific Resources

page for skilled nursing facilities on the ForwardHealth Portal.

Providers may also refer to the Portable Document Format versions of the DMS Index and the DME Index, available on the Provider-specific Resources page of the Portal for DMS and DME providers, for information regarding which supplies and products are included in the nursing home daily rate and which are separately reimbursable.

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 members. Claims submitted by pharmacies will be denied if the member's nursing home authorization segment is still "active" for the DOS 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 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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