

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

## Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups Implementation and Additional Training Dates

This *ForwardHealth Update* reminds providers of the upcoming Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG) reimbursement methodology implementation and announces additional training dates for EAPG.

Providers are reminded that ForwardHealth will be implementing the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG) reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2013. The implementation of the EAPG system will impact reimbursement to outpatient hospitals providing services to members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, Wisconsin Medicaid, and the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program.

For more information on the EAPG system, refer to the October 2012 *Update* (2012-55), titled "Implementation of the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups Reimbursement Methodology."

### Additional EAPG Trainings

In March 2013, outpatient hospital providers, billing staff, and billing vendors are encouraged to participate in a training session regarding the implementation of the EAPG reimbursement methodology. These sessions will cover essentially the same topics as the previous EAPG training sessions held in October and November of 2012.

### Covered Topics

The following topics will be covered at the EAPG system training sessions:

- Policy and billing.
  - ✓ Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping methodology.
  - ✓ Discounting.
  - ✓ Packaging.
  - ✓ Billing recommendations.
  - ✓ Billing outpatient hospital crossover claims.
  - ✓ Claim adjustments.
  - ✓ Changes to the Remittance Advice.
- Rate setting.
- Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups system demonstration.

### Registering for Virtual Room Training Sessions

ForwardHealth will offer three separate Virtual Room (real-time, online) sessions for the EAPG system trainings.

Providers may register for any one of the sessions, which will be held on the following dates:

- March 6: Check-in 12:45 p.m., training 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- March 20: Check-in 12:45 p.m., training 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- March 21: Check-in 12:45 p.m., training 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Registration is required prior to participating in Virtual Room sessions. For more information about Virtual Room sessions and to register online, go to the Trainings page of

the Providers area of the ForwardHealth Portal at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/). Providers may also register by calling Provider Services at (800) 947-9627. Registrants will receive a training session confirmation number that they should keep for their records. Providers who have questions about registration or are unable to attend a session for which registration has been confirmed should call Provider Services and have their confirmation number available.

## **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.

Medicaid SSI HMOs, BadgerCare Plus HMOs, and other ForwardHealth managed care programs will not be implementing the EAPG System at this time. Providers will be notified of implementation plans for Medicaid HMOs and other managed care programs.

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/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/).

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