

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **Policy Clarifications for the Affordable Care Act Primary Care Rate Increase Provider Attestation**

This *ForwardHealth Update* clarifies current policy for the Affordable Care Act primary care rate increase provider attestation.

This *ForwardHealth Update* clarifies policy for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) primary care rate increase provider attestation originally published in the April 2013 *Update* (2013-25), titled “Affordable Care Act Primary Care Rate Increase Portal Attestation,” and is intended to encourage providers to submit attestations prior to December 31, 2013, to receive the rate increase for 2013 services.

Providers are reminded that if they do not submit this attestation by December 31, 2013, they will not receive the rate increase for 2013 services.

### **Clarifications to Physician Eligibility for Primary Care Rate Increase**

Physicians eligible for the rate increase are those who primarily practice as primary care providers and are either:

- Certified with an eligible specialty or subspecialty by one of the certifying boards named in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule (CMS-2370-F) listed in the Attachment of this *Update*, or
- A physician who submits claims with at least 60 percent of procedure codes coming from the code group identified by the rule.

### **Clarifications to Eligibility for Advanced Practice Providers (Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives)**

Advanced practice providers (APPs) who are physician assistants, nurse practitioners, or nurse midwives are also eligible for the primary care rate increase if they are supervised by an eligible physician.

In implementing the ACA primary care rate increase rule, ForwardHealth expects that all APPs attesting for this increase follow the guidelines for supervisory protocol outlined by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). The DSPS explanation of supervisory protocol for nurses may be found in the Board of Nursing section, s. N 6.03(2), Wis. Admin. Code. Protocol for physician assistant supervision is contained in the Medical Examining Board section, s. Med 8, Wis. Admin. Code.

Additionally, for purposes of APP eligibility for the primary care rate increase, the final federal rule requires that each APP is supervised by a physician who accepts professional responsibility for the services that the APP provides. APPs fulfilling each of these requirements and who function as primary care providers, as described in *Update* 2013-25, will be eligible for the rate increase.

## Reimbursement Schedules

Providers who attest by October 31, 2013, can expect to have claim adjustments and reimbursements initiated by December 31, 2013.

Providers who attest on and after October 31, 2013, and before December 31, 2013, are still able to attest as eligible backdated to January 1, 2013. These providers can expect to have claim adjustments and reimbursements initiated on and after December 31, 2013.

Providers who attest on and after December 31, 2013, are only eligible for the rate increase beginning on the date of attestation forward. These providers should expect to have claims initiated in real time; each claim will be processed upon receipt by ForwardHealth.

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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# ATTACHMENT

## Specialties and Subspecialties Eligible for the Affordable Care Act Primary Care Rate Increase as Defined by the Three Certifying Boards

<b>American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)</b>	
<b>Specialties</b>	<b>Subspecialties</b>
Family Medicine	Adolescent Medicine Geriatric Medicine Hospice and Palliative Medicine Sleep Medicine Sports Medicine
Internal Medicine	Adolescent Medicine Adult Congenital Heart Disease Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology Cardiovascular Disease Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Critical Care Medicine Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism Gastroenterology Geriatric Medicine Hematology Hospice and Palliative Medicine Infectious Disease Interventional Cardiology Medical Oncology Nephrology Pulmonary Disease Rheumatology Sleep Medicine Sports Medicine Transplant Hepatology
Pediatrics	Adolescent Medicine Child Abuse Pediatrics Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Hospice and Palliative Medicine Medical Toxicology Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Pediatrics (Continued)	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Pediatric Cardiology Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Pediatric Emergency Medicine Pediatric Endocrinology Pediatric Gastroenterology Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Pediatric Infectious Diseases Pediatric Nephrology Pediatric Pulmonology Pediatric Rheumatology Pediatric Transplant Hepatology Sleep Medicine Sports Medicine
<b>American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS)</b>	
<b>Specialties</b>	<b>Subspecialties</b>
Family Medicine Obstetrics	N/A
Internal Medicine	N/A
Family Practice	N/A
<b>American Osteopathic Academy (AOA)</b>	
<b>Specialties</b>	<b>Subspecialties</b>
Family Physicians	Addiction Medicine Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine Geriatric Medicine Sports Medicine Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Hospice and Palliative Medicine Sleep Medicine
Internal Medicine	Allergy/Immunology Cardiology Endocrinology Gastroenterology Hematology Hematology/Oncology Infectious Disease Pulmonary Diseases Nephrology Oncology Rheumatology Addiction Medicine Critical Care Medicine

Internal Medicine (Continued)	Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Interventional Cardiology Geriatric Medicine Sports Medicine Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Hospice and Palliative Medicine Sleep Medicine
Pediatrics	Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine Neonatology Pediatric Allergy/Immunology Pediatric Endocrinology Pediatric Pulmonology Sports Medicine