

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, Medicaid

To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid Will Reimburse Hospitals for State Prison Inmate Inpatient Hospital Stays

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Eligibility

As a result of 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, the 2013-15 biennial budget, Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse hospitals for state prison inmate inpatient hospital stays for dates of admission on and after April 1, 2014. Only inmates of a state prison, not a county jail, will be eligible for the process outlined in this *ForwardHealth Update*.

To qualify for Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus, state prison inmates must meet all applicable eligibility criteria. Inpatient hospital services for inmates who do not qualify for Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus will continue to be coordinated and reimbursed by the Department of Corrections (DOC).

Inmates will be eligible for Wisconsin Medicaid or the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan for the duration of their hospital stay. Eligibility will begin on their date of admission and end on their date of discharge.

Inmates will not be eligible for outpatient hospital services, including observations, under Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus. Inmates may only be eligible for emergency room (ER) services if they are admitted to the hospital directly from the ER and are counted in the

midnight census; otherwise, ER services are considered outpatient services. Outpatient hospital services approved by the DOC will be reimbursed by the DOC.

Inmates will not be presumptively eligible. Retroactive eligibility will only apply to dates of admission on and after April 1, 2014.

Enrollment

The DOC will coordinate the submission of enrollment applications on behalf of inmates.

Covered Services

The only services allowable by Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus for inmates are inpatient hospital services and professional services provided during the inpatient hospital stay that are covered under Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus. Providers should refer to the ForwardHealth Online Handbook at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/ for information about covered services. Providers with questions regarding services covered by Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus should contact Provider Services at (800) 947-9627.

Fee-for-Service

Inmates will receive services on a fee-for-service basis; they will not be enrolled in HMOs.

Prior Authorization

The DOC will assist inpatient hospital providers with their submission of prior authorization (PA) requests for any services requiring PA. If PA is denied, the DOC will be responsible for reimbursement of the services.

Enrollment Verification

Inmates will only be enrolled for the duration of their hospital stay. Providers should always verify an inmate's enrollment in Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus before submitting a claim.

Claim Submission

When submitting a claim for an inmate's inpatient hospital stay, providers should follow the current claim submission procedures outlined in the Submission chapter of the Claims section of the applicable service area of the Online Handbook.

Reimbursement

Acute care hospitals that provide services to inmates will be reimbursed at a percentage of their usual and customary charge. The usual and customary charge is the provider's charge for providing the same service to persons not entitled to Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus benefits.

Critical access hospitals that provide services to inmates will be reimbursed according to their existing Wisconsin Medicaid reimbursement methodology.

For additional information about hospitals' reimbursement, providers should refer to the Inpatient & Outpatient Hospital Rates and Inpatient Hospital Weights page on the ForwardHealth Portal at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/hospital/drug/drug.htm.spag#.

Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse professional services related to an inmate's inpatient hospital stay (e.g., laboratory services, physician services, radiology services, or durable medical equipment) at the current maximum allowable fee.

Current maximum allowable fees are available through the interactive maximum allowable fee schedule on the Portal.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding enrollment or PA for inmate inpatient hospital stays, providers may contact the DOC at (608) 240-5139 or (608) 240-5190.

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 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/.

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