

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Clarification of Policy Regarding Access Payments for Childless Adults Enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan

This *ForwardHealth Update* clarifies policy regarding hospital, critical access hospital, and ambulatory surgical center (ASC) access payments for childless adults who will be eligible for the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan beginning April 1, 2014.

Access Payments

Certain inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, and ASC professional claims receive add-on payments called access payments under current ForwardHealth policy. Criteria for determining whether a claim receives an access payment include claim type, paid amount, and member information. Prior to April 1, 2014, childless adults enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan or the BadgerCare Plus Basic Plan did not qualify for access payments.

Childless Adults Will Remain Ineligible

Effective April 1, 2014, the Core Plan and the Basic Plan will be discontinued, and all childless adults eligible for BadgerCare Plus will be enrolled in the Standard Plan; however, childless adults in the Standard Plan will remain ineligible for access payments under ForwardHealth policy. Childless adults will be identified via their medical status codes.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis. 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.

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