

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Programs

To: Hospital Providers, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Clarification of Policy Regarding Inpatient and Outpatient Hospitals Submitting Claims for Certain Services on a Professional Claim

This *ForwardHealth Update* clarifies policy previously published in the April 2012 *Update* (2012-17), titled “Reminder: Inpatient and Outpatient Hospitals Must Submit Claims for Certain Services on a Professional Claim.”

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Inpatient Hospital

When provided in an inpatient hospital setting, professional and other services must be submitted on a professional claim by a separately certified provider when the following professionals are providing them or the services themselves are:

- Air, water, and land hospital-based ambulance.
- Anesthesia assistants.
- Audiologists.
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists.
- Chiropractors.
- Dentists.

- Durable medical equipment (DME) and supplies for non-hospital use.
- Hearing aid dealers.
- Independent nurse practitioners.
- Nurse midwives.
- Optometrists.
- Pharmacy, for take home drugs on the date of discharge.
- Physician assistants.
- Physicians.
- Podiatrists.
- Psychiatrists.
- Psychologists.
- Specialized medical vehicle transportation.

These services are ineligible for reimbursement under the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) payment system for inpatient hospital services.

Outpatient Hospital

When provided in an outpatient hospital setting, the following professional and other services must be submitted on a professional claim by a separately certified provider:

- DME.
- Provider-based end-stage renal disease services.
- Therapy services (with certain exceptions; refer to the Therapy Services topic [topic #1355] of the Covered

Services and Requirements chapter of the Covered and Noncovered Services section of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook on the ForwardHealth Portal for more information).

These services are ineligible for reimbursement under the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Group (EAPG) payment system for outpatient hospital services.

Claim Submission

Professional claims can be submitted using the following methods:

- 837 Health Care Claim: Professional transaction.
- 1500 Claim Form.
- Direct Data Entry on the ForwardHealth Portal.
- Provider Electronic Solutions.

For more information regarding professional claim submission options, refer to the Submission chapter of the Claims section of the Hospital, Inpatient or the Hospital, Outpatient service areas of the Online Handbook.

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 (MCO). Managed care organizations are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

Members enrolled only in the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are not enrolled in MCOs.

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.

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