

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: School-Based Services Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Reminder Regarding Use of Diagnosis Codes for School-Based Services

This *ForwardHealth Update* reminds providers to use the most specific *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* diagnosis code when submitting claims for medically necessary covered school-based services provided to children eligible for Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus.

Providers are reminded to indicate the most specific *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) diagnosis code available when submitting claims for medically necessary covered school-based services provided to children eligible for Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus. Providers are responsible for keeping current with diagnosis code changes. Refer to ICD-9-CM Coding Guidelines for appropriate use of unspecified, non-specific, and not elsewhere classified diagnosis codes. Diagnosis code 999.9 (Other and unspecified complications of medical care, not elsewhere classified) may be used only when this diagnosis is supported in the medical record.

Providers should reference the child's Individualized Education Program and then refer to ICD-9-CM to determine the most specific diagnosis code to indicate on the claim.

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.

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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