

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** HealthCheck Providers, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Agencies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## Claims for Lead Testing Submitted by Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Agencies Do Not Require Referring Provider Information

Effective for dates of process on and after August 20, 2014, claims for lead testing submitted by Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children agencies do not require referring provider information.

### Referring Provider Information Not Required

Beginning in July 2013, ForwardHealth implemented new requirements for prescribing, referring, or ordering providers due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). As part of implementing those requirements, ForwardHealth identified certain services for which a prescribing/referring/ordering provider is required. For those services, which include laboratory/pathology services, ForwardHealth requires that the referring provider's information be indicated on the claim.

After further analysis, ForwardHealth has determined that the requirement for referring provider information will not apply to claims for lead testing submitted by Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) agencies.

*Note:* WIC agencies contracted with the Wisconsin Division of Public Health may apply to become Medicaid-enrolled as

HealthCheck "Other Service" providers. This enrollment allows WIC agencies to be reimbursed for blood lead testing services performed on children age 4 and younger who are enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus. Local health departments should ensure that their contracted WIC agencies are Medicaid enrolled as HealthCheck "Other Service" providers. To confirm that contracted WIC agencies are appropriately enrolled, local public health departments can contact ForwardHealth Provider Services at (800) 947-9627.

Effective for dates of process on and after August 20, 2014, claims for lead testing submitted by Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC agencies do not require referring provider information. Claims for lead testing are indicated by the use of *Current Procedural Terminology* procedure code 83655 (Lead).

### Resubmission of Denied Claims

Providers are encouraged to resubmit claims for lead testing submitted on and after July 15, 2013, and before August 20, 2014, which were denied due to missing referring provider information. These denials would have been indicated by explanation of benefits code 3036 (A valid enrolled prescribing/referring/ordering provider is required and may

only prescribe, refer or order services within their legal scope of practice).

Claims to be resubmitted that have passed the 365-day claim submission deadline must be resubmitted using the timely filing appeals request process. Refer to the Submission topic (topic #744) in the Timely Filing Appeals Requests chapter of the Claims section of the Online Handbook for more information about submitting a timely filing appeals request for ForwardHealth reconsideration. For these requests, providers are instructed to reference this *ForwardHealth Update* by its *Update* number (*Update* 2015-02) in the “Briefly explain the nature of the problem and previous efforts made to resolve the claims” section of the Timely Filing Appeals Request form, F-13047 (07/12). To receive consideration, these requests must be received by June 30, 2015.

## **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. 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.

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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