

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare

To: Blood Banks, Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Revised Prior Authorization Drug Attachment for Hepatitis C Agents Effective August 1, 2015

ForwardHealth has revised the Prior Authorization Drug Attachment for Hepatitis C Agents, F-01247 (08/15), which must be used for prior authorization requests with a requested start date of August 1, 2015, or later.

ForwardHealth has revised the Prior Authorization Drug Attachment for Hepatitis C Agents, F-01247 (08/15), to better address the revised hepatitis C agents clinical criteria that were published in the July 2015 *ForwardHealth Update* (2015-27), titled “July 2015 Preferred Drug List Review and Other Pharmacy Policy Changes.” As announced in *Update* 2015-27, the revised clinical criteria for hepatitis C agents are effective for prior authorization (PA) requests with a requested start date of July 1, 2015, or later. The revised Prior Authorization Drug Attachment for Hepatitis C Agents form must be used for PA requests with a requested start date of August 1, 2015, or later.

The previous version of the form will be removed from the Forms page of the Portal and placed on the Pharmacy-Related Forms and Completion Instructions archive page linked under the Archives section of the Pharmacy Resources page of the Portal. Prior authorization requests for hepatitis C agents with a requested start date of August 1, 2015, or later must be submitted on the revised form or they will be returned to the provider.

Providers may refer to the Forms page of the Portal for the revised completion instructions and form. Approved PAs

on file with ForwardHealth dated prior to August 1, 2015, will be honored until they expire or until the approved days’ supply is used up.

Note: Prior authorization requests for renewal of hepatitis C agents should continue to be submitted using the Prior Authorization Drug Attachment for Hepatitis C Agents Renewal, F-01248 (12/14).

For more information about the clinical criteria for hepatitis C agents and PA submission options, providers should refer to the Hepatitis C Agents topic (topic #18297) in the Preferred Drug List chapter of the Prior Authorization section of the Pharmacy service area of the Online Handbook.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *ForwardHealth Update* contains fee-for-service policy for members enrolled in Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus who receive pharmacy services on a fee-for-service basis only. Pharmacy services for Medicaid members enrolled in the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Family Care Partnership are provided by the member’s managed care organization.

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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