

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: Hospice Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Changes to Reimbursement for Hospice Routine Care Services

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2016, ForwardHealth will implement the following changes to reimbursement for hospice routine care services:

- A new two-tiered reimbursement rate structure based on the count of a member's hospice days
- A new service intensity add-on payment for routine care services provided by a social worker or a registered nurse during the last seven days of a member's life

This *ForwardHealth Update* outlines these reimbursement changes.

Changes to Routine Care Rate Structure

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2016, ForwardHealth will implement a two-tiered reimbursement rate structure for hospice routine care services based on the count of a member's hospice days. ForwardHealth will reimburse a higher reimbursement rate for a member's first 60 days of hospice care and a lower reimbursement rate for days 61 and after. Refer to the Attachment of this *ForwardHealth Update* for the tiered reimbursement rates by county.

ForwardHealth will implement this change in early 2016 and will automatically adjust impacted claims back to January 1, 2016. ForwardHealth will notify providers via electronic messaging of the exact implementation date.

Calculating the Count of Hospice Days

ForwardHealth will track the count of a member's hospice days and will reimburse at the appropriate tiered rate. Hospice providers will **not** be responsible for keeping track of the count of a member's hospice days.

The count of a member's hospice days will include each calendar day within a member's hospice election period, regardless of the level of hospice care and whether or not those days are reimbursable by ForwardHealth. A member's hospice election period begins on the first DOS for which hospice care can be reimbursed by ForwardHealth and ends with the member's decision to discontinue election of hospice care, with the member's hospice-initiated discharge from hospice care, or with the member's death.

Each calendar day with a member's hospice election period constitutes one DOS and will be counted as one day in calculating the count of hospice days. The count of hospice days will include hospice days that occurred prior to January 1, 2016; however, the new tiered reimbursement rates will not be applied retroactively to DOS prior to January 1, 2016.

The count of hospice days will not reset if the member transfers between hospices within an election period. The transfer day is counted once in the count of hospice days.

The count of hospice days will not reset between hospice election periods that are fewer than 60 days apart; however,

the count of hospice days will not include days between hospice election periods.

New Service Intensity Add-On Payment

Effective for DOS on and after January 1, 2016, ForwardHealth will reimburse a service intensity add-on (SIA) payment for routine care services provided by a social worker or a registered nurse (RN) during the last seven days of a member's life. The SIA payment is in addition to the hospice routine care reimbursement.

Providers will be required to submit claims for SIA payments as follows:

- Services provided by social workers must include Healthcare Common Procedures Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code G0155 (Services of clinical social worker in home health or hospice settings, each 15 minutes) with revenue code 0562. (*Note:* Social work telephone calls [revenue code 0569] are **not** covered under the SIA payment.)
- Services provided by RNs must include the new HCPCS procedure code G0299 (Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse [RN] in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes) with revenue code 055X.

The SIA payment will be calculated by multiplying the maximum allowable fee for the appropriate procedure code by the number of units billed. Each unit represents 15 minutes. A maximum of 16 total units (four hours of service) may be submitted on each DOS. Refer to the Attachment for SIA rates by county.

Note: If the member's last seven days of life begin before January 1, 2016, and end on or after January 1, 2016, the SIA rates will only be applied for DOS on and after January 1, 2016.

ForwardHealth will implement the new SIA payments in early 2016 and will automatically adjust impacted claims back to January 1, 2016. ForwardHealth will notify providers via electronic messaging of the exact implementation date.

Additional Claims Submission Instructions for the Service Intensity Add-On Payment

Providers will be required to submit occurrence code 55 (Date of Death) with the associated date in MMDDYYYY format and patient status 20 (Expired) on claims to receive reimbursement for the SIA payment.

Note: Per federal policy, ForwardHealth will **not** cover visits for the pronouncement of death under SIA payments.

Providers may refer to the National UB-04 Uniform Billing Manual prepared by the National Uniform Billing Committee for more information.

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 website at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

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This *Update* was issued on 12/21/2015 and information contained in this *Update* was incorporated into the Online Handbook on 01/04/2016.

ATTACHMENT

Hospice Reimbursement and Service Intensity Add-On Rates for Routine Care

Effective for Dates of Service on and After January 1, 2016

The following table includes hospice routine care reimbursement rates for a member's first 60 days of hospice care and for days 61 and after. It also includes service intensity add-on (SIA) rates for routine care services provided by a social worker or a registered nurse (RN) during the last seven days of a member's life.

Note: Rates are based on the member's address on file with ForwardHealth, **not** where the hospice provider is located.

County	Procedure and Revenue Codes			
	T2042, 0651 (Daily) Routine Home, Days 1-60	T2042, 0651 (Daily) Routine Home, Days 61 and After	G0155, 0562 (Quarter Hour) Routine Home SIA, Social Worker	G0299, 055X (Quarter Hour) Routine Home SIA, RN
Brown	\$179.70	\$141.22	\$9.46	\$9.46
Calumet	\$182.27	\$143.24	\$9.59	\$9.59
Chippewa	\$183.53	\$144.23	\$9.66	\$9.66
Columbia	\$202.95	\$159.50	\$10.68	\$10.68
Dane	\$202.95	\$159.50	\$10.68	\$10.68
Douglas	\$188.46	\$148.10	\$9.92	\$9.92
Eau Claire	\$183.53	\$144.23	\$9.66	\$9.66
Fond du Lac	\$175.31	\$137.77	\$9.23	\$9.23
Green	\$188.19	\$147.89	\$9.90	\$9.90
Iowa	\$202.95	\$159.50	\$10.68	\$10.68
Kenosha	\$193.06	\$151.72	\$10.16	\$10.16
Kewaunee	\$179.70	\$141.22	\$9.46	\$9.46
La Crosse	\$181.08	\$142.30	\$9.53	\$9.53
Marathon	\$176.68	\$138.85	\$9.30	\$9.30
Milwaukee	\$185.69	\$145.93	\$9.77	\$9.77
Oconto	\$179.70	\$141.22	\$9.46	\$9.46
Outagamie	\$182.27	\$143.24	\$9.59	\$9.59
Ozaukee	\$185.69	\$145.93	\$9.77	\$9.77
Pierce	\$202.45	\$159.10	\$10.65	\$10.65
Racine	\$181.90	\$142.95	\$9.57	\$9.57
Rock	\$175.24	\$137.72	\$9.22	\$9.22
Sheboygan	\$179.64	\$141.17	\$9.45	\$9.45
St. Croix	\$202.45	\$159.10	\$10.65	\$10.65
Washington	\$185.69	\$145.93	\$9.77	\$9.77

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Waukesha	\$185.69	\$145.93	\$9.77	\$9.77
Winnebago	\$182.66	\$143.54	\$9.61	\$9.61
Rural WI*	\$175.05	\$137.56	\$9.21	\$9.21
Rural IA	\$167.17	\$131.37	\$8.80	\$8.80
Rural IL	\$166.08	\$130.51	\$8.74	\$8.74
Rural MI	\$164.56	\$129.32	\$8.66	\$8.66
Rural MN	\$175.82	\$138.17	\$9.25	\$9.25

* All counties in Wisconsin not otherwise listed.