

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers with Psychiatric Specialty, Dentists, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Information for Eligible Professionals Regarding Program Year 2016 of the Wisconsin Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program

This *ForwardHealth Update* announces a delay to the Wisconsin Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program for Program Year 2016 and provides information on the standard deduction for calculating patient volume.

Delay of Program Year 2016

As a result of an extended Eligible Professional grace period to apply for Program Year 2015 incentive payments, the Wisconsin Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program is delaying the start of Program Year 2016 until the fall of 2016. Program Year 2016 will begin no earlier than September 1, 2016. This delay is necessary because the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program does not accept applications for more than one Program Year at a time.

Additional information regarding the timeline for accepting Program Year 2016 applications will be announced in a *ForwardHealth Update* later this summer.

Program Year 2016 Standard Deduction for Patient Volume

In addition to other EHR Incentive Program requirements, Eligible Professionals are required to meet patient volume thresholds over the course of a 90-day period. The following

information is required to accurately calculate patient volume in Program Year 2016.

The Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program only considers services provided to members who are eligible to be reimbursed with funding directly from Medicaid (Title XIX) to be eligible patient encounters. Because in some instances Eligible Professionals may be unable to distinguish between eligible members and non-eligible members when determining their patient volume, the Wisconsin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program calculates the standard deduction in order to assist Eligible Professionals in determining their eligible patient encounters. The standard deduction for Program Year 2016 is 4.65 percent.

To calculate eligible patient encounters, Eligible Professionals should multiply the total eligible encounter patient volume by a factor of $(1 - 0.0465)$, which is 0.9535, and then divide that number by the total patient encounter volume. The final number should be rounded to the nearest whole number (i.e., 0.01 through 0.49 should be rounded down, and 0.50 through 0.99 should be rounded up to the nearest whole number).

For examples of how to calculate individual and group patient volume, Eligible Professionals may refer to the Example of Calculating Individual Patient Volume topic

(topic #12100) and the Example of Calculating Group Practice Patient Volume topic (topic #12101) of the Patient Volume chapter of the EHR Incentive Program section of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov.

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