

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

Policy Regarding Submission of Hospital Claims for Births

Effective for hospital claims with “To” dates of service and dates of discharge on and after July 29, 2016, when a woman gives birth, the hospital provider is required to submit separate claims for the hospital stay of the woman and the hospital stay of her newborn. In addition, the newborn’s birth weight must only be recorded on the newborn’s claim using Value Code 54.

Claims Policy for Newborns

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Hospital claims for births may be submitted using any of the following submission methods:

- Provider Electronic Solutions software
- Direct Data Entry on the ForwardHealth Portal
- UB-04 claim form
- 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional (837I) transaction

Transition Period Through Year-End 2016

ForwardHealth will monitor claims and claim adjustments for births with “To” DOS or dates of discharge from July 29, 2016, through December 31, 2016, and contact hospital providers regarding any claims or claim adjustments that do not meet these requirements. During this period,

ForwardHealth will continue to reimburse providers for claims or claim adjustments billed with the mother and newborn on the same claim or billed without a valid birth weight for the newborn on the newborn’s claim.

Required Compliance Date

Effective January 1, 2017, ForwardHealth will no longer reimburse claims that do not meet these requirements. Claims and claim adjustments with “To” DOS or dates of discharge on and after January 1, 2017, that include the mother and newborn on a single claim, that do not include Value Code 54 and the newborn’s birth weight, or that include Value Code 54 with an invalid birth weight will be denied.

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.

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