

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **Hospital Access Payments Discontinued for State Fiscal Year 2016**

The Department of Health Services will discontinue providing hospital and critical access hospital access payments for the remainder of state fiscal year 2016. This applies to inpatient and outpatient hospital claims with a date of receipt after October 28, 2016, and dates of service (DOS) between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016. Access payments for inpatient and outpatient hospital claims for DOS on and after July 1, 2016, are not affected by this change.

Access payments are only provided until the money budgeted for the fiscal year has been paid out. Once the budgeted amount has been paid out, the payments are discontinued until the next fiscal year.

### **Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations**

This *ForwardHealth 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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