

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: Narcotic Treatment Services Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Removal of Coverage Limitations for Narcotic Treatment Dose Administration

In response to Wisconsin's opioid crisis, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is committed to expanding access to evidence-based medication-assisted treatment and substance use disorder counseling across the state.

Effective November 1, 2018, ForwardHealth will reimburse claims for the administration of methadone or other Food and Drug Administration-approved narcotics for up to seven doses per calendar week. ForwardHealth is also removing the two-year limit on daily dosing. On-site dosing frequency should be determined by the clinic on an individualized basis in accordance with medical necessity and federal and state regulations governing take-home privileges.

For more information, refer to the Procedure Codes topic (topic #7984) in the Codes chapter of the Covered and Noncovered Services section of the Narcotic Treatment service area of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

Narcotic treatment services are included in BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid SSI HMO benefit packages and, at a minimum, must be covered to the same extent as narcotic treatment provided under fee-for-service arrangements. Coverage limitations set by managed care organizations (MCOs) may not be more stringent than fee-for-service policies (e.g., fewer than seven days per calendar week when medically

necessary), but MCOs may establish their own policies and procedures for reviewing and determining medical necessity.

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 Medicaid Services, the 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, DHS.

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