

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To: Behavioral Treatment Providers

Reimbursement Rate Increase for Behavioral Treatment Services

Effective for dates of service (DOS) **on and after** September 1, 2018, ForwardHealth will increase reimbursement rates for behavioral treatment services. The ForwardHealth behavioral treatment benefit covers adaptive behavior assessment and treatment for members with autism or other diagnoses or conditions associated with adaptive behavior deficiencies or maladaptive behaviors. The changes to the maximum allowable fee schedule do not change other program requirements for behavioral treatment services, such as allowable providers, prior authorization (PA), and documentation requirements.

Reimbursement Rates

Effective for DOS **on and after** September 1, 2018, reimbursement rates will be increased from \$14.32 to \$19.05 per 30 minutes for behavioral treatment service claims submitted with the following *Current Procedural Terminology* procedure codes:

- 0364T (Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician, face-to-face with one patient; first 30 minutes of technician time)
- 0365T (Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician, face-to-face with one patient; each additional 30 minutes of technician time [list separately in addition to code for primary procedure])

ForwardHealth will automatically adjust previously processed claims submitted for DOS **on and after** September 1, 2018,

to apply the rate increase. Providers do **not** need to resubmit claims to receive the adjusted reimbursement.

The interactive fee schedule listed on the ForwardHealth Portal has been updated with the new rates. The downloadable fee schedule will be updated as of October 1, 2018.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

The behavioral treatment benefit is administered fee-for-service for all Medicaid-enrolled members who demonstrate medical necessity for covered services. The behavioral treatment benefit is separate from managed care organizations, which include BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid SSI HMOs and special managed care plans. Special managed care plans include Children Come First, Wraparound Milwaukee, Care4Kids, Family Care, Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and the Family Care Partnership Program, with PA requests and claims processed by ForwardHealth instead of the member's HMO.

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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