

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare

To: Blood Banks, Community Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Brand Name Metadate CD No Longer Available

Brand name Metadate CD has been discontinued by the manufacturer. All brand name Metadate CD National Drug Codes have been terminated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the brand name version of the drug is no longer available. Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2019, the information in this *ForwardHealth Update* replaces previously published information about brand name Metadate CD and generic methylphenidate CD in the December 2018 *Update* (2018-47), titled “January 2019 Preferred Drug List Review and Other Pharmacy Policy Changes.”

Stimulants Drug Class Drug Status Changes

Effective for DOS on and after January 1, 2019, brand name Metadate CD will be removed from the stimulants drug class on the Preferred Drug List (PDL).

Generic methylphenidate CD will remain a preferred drug in the stimulants drug class on the PDL. Generic methylphenidate CD does not require prior authorization. Diagnosis restrictions for generic methylphenidate CD continue to apply.

Providers should review the Preferred Drug List Quick Reference on the Pharmacy Resources page of the Providers area of the ForwardHealth Portal at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/ for a complete list of preferred and non-preferred drugs.

Providers may refer to the Diagnosis Restricted Drugs data table on the Pharmacy Resources page for the most current list of allowable diagnosis codes.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *Update* contains policy for members enrolled in Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus who receive pharmacy services on a fee-for-service basis only. Pharmacy services for Medicaid members enrolled in the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) or the Family Care Partnership program are provided by the member’s managed care organization. Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus HMOs must provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service.

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.

For questions, call Provider Services at 800-947-9627 or visit our website at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

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