

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Community Health Centers, Dentists, HealthCheck Providers, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Expanded Practice Settings for Dental Hygienist Services

As a result of 2017 Wisconsin Act 20, ForwardHealth has expanded the practice settings in which Wisconsin Medicaid-enrolled dental hygienists are permitted to practice dental hygiene. ForwardHealth will reimburse services performed by dental hygienists at practice settings specified in Wis. Stat. § 447.06(2)(a) for dates of service on and after June 23, 2017, in accordance with conditions specified in Wis. Stat. §§ 447.01(3) and 447.06, subject to Medicaid program requirements for eligibility and coverage.

ForwardHealth follows the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services place of service (POS) codes for professional claims. The list of all acceptable POS codes can be found at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/Downloads/Website-POS-database.pdf. Providers are reminded that the POS code must accurately represent the location where the service was rendered as outlined in Wis. Stat. § 447.06(2)(a).

For additional information related to allowable services for dental hygienists, refer to the Dental Hygienist Allowable Services topic (topic #2807) of the Codes chapter of the Covered and Noncovered Services section of the Dental service area of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook of the ForwardHealth Portal.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *ForwardHealth Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to members who receive their dental benefits on a fee-for-service basis. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO). MCOs 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 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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