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## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARVE OUT FOR FAMILY CARE PARTNERSHIP MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION MEMBERS**

Currently, Family Care Partnership managed care organizations (MCOs) are responsible for managing their members' pharmacy services. Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services will carve out coverage of most prescription outpatient drugs from the Family Care Partnership benefit.

This change ensures MCOs' compliance with the Managed Care Rule and eliminates the need for the MCOs to implement their own drug utilization review program.

For Family Care Partnership members who are not enrolled in Medicare, claims for outpatient drugs (excluding diabetic supplies), provider-administered drugs, compound drugs (including parenteral nutrition),

### **AFFECTED PROGRAMS**

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

### **TO**

Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

### **QUICK LINKS**

- [Pharmacy provider-specific resources page](#)
- [Pharmacy service area of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook](#)

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and any other drugs requiring drug utilization review will be submitted to and reimbursed by fee-for-service Medicaid.

Note: Members who are dual eligibles (enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid) will continue to receive their outpatient drugs through their Medicare Part D plans. However, if the member's Part D plan does not cover the outpatient drug, these dually eligible members may access certain Medicaid outpatient drugs that are excluded or otherwise restricted from Medicare coverage through fee-for-service Medicaid. For these drugs, fee-for-service policies would apply.

### **Fee-for-Service Policies Apply**

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2020, all fee-for-service policies, procedures, and requirements will apply for pharmacy services provided to Medicaid-only Family Care Partnership members.

The [Pharmacy provider-specific resources](#) page of the ForwardHealth Portal and the [Pharmacy service area](#) of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook contain more information regarding ForwardHealth pharmacy-related policies.

### **Over-the-Counter Drugs**

Certain [over-the-counter \(OTC\) drugs](#) may be covered under fee-for-service Medicaid. Pharmacies should review the [Over-the-Counter Drugs Covered \(BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid\)](#) data table for a list of Medicaid-covered OTC drugs. If the OTC drug is not Medicaid-covered, pharmacies should consult with the members' [Family Care Partnership MCO](#) for the MCO's OTC drug coverage guidelines.

Note: OTC drugs that are not covered under fee-for-service and diabetic supplies, such as blood glucose test strips and blood glucose meters, continue to be covered by the Family Care Partnership MCO for these members. These items require prior authorization from the Family Care Partnership MCO.

## **REMINDER**

ForwardHealth has an [Emergency Medication Dispensing Policy](#).

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