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NEW POLICY ALLOWING LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD INVESTIGATION SERVICES

Lead Risk Assessors May Now Become Contractors Through Local Health Departments

Local health departments enrolled as HealthCheck screening providers can provide environmental lead investigation (ELI) services directly or, effective immediately, may contract with Wisconsin Department of Health Services-certified lead risk assessors (or hazard investigators). Providers are reminded that they are legally, programmatically, and fiscally responsible for the services provided by their contractors and their subcontractors' services. For additional information regarding ELI services, refer to the [Environmental Lead Investigation Services](#) topic (#2398) of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

HealthCheck Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

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Reminder of ForwardHealth Policy on Contracted Staff

As outlined in the [Contracted Staff](#) topic (#198) of the Online Handbook, when contracting services, providers are required to ensure contracted agencies are qualified to provide services, meet all ForwardHealth and program requirements, and maintain records in accordance with the requirements for the provision of services.

Medicaid requirements do not relieve contracted agencies of their own regulatory requirements. Contracted agencies are required to continue to meet their own regulatory requirements, in addition to ForwardHealth requirements.

Providers are also responsible for informing a contracted agency of ForwardHealth requirements. Providers should refer those with whom they contract for services to ForwardHealth publications for program policies and procedures. ForwardHealth references and publications include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Wisconsin Administrative Code
- ForwardHealth Updates
- The Online Handbook

Providers should encourage contracted agencies to visit the [ForwardHealth Portal](#) regularly for the most current information.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

If a member is enrolled in a managed care program, providers are required to submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid fee-for-service for ELI services.

Providers should not submit claims to the member's managed care organization because ELI services are covered on a fee-for-service basis for all members and will not be reimbursed by the member's managed care organization.

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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 within 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 within DHS.

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