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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS REGARDING PROGRAM YEAR 2021 OF THE WISCONSIN MEDICAID PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM

This ForwardHealth Update provides information for Eligible Professionals regarding Program Year 2021 of the Wisconsin Medicaid Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program.

Program Year 2021 Standard Deduction for Patient Volume

Eligible Professionals are required to meet patient volume thresholds over the course of a 90-day period. The following information is required to accurately calculate patient volume in Program Year 2021.

The Wisconsin Medicaid PI Program only considers services provided to members who are eligible to be reimbursed with funding directly from Wisconsin Medicaid (Title XIX) to be eligible patient encounters. Since Eligible Professionals may be unable to distinguish between eligible members and non-eligible members when determining their patient

AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers With Psychiatric Specialty, Community Health Centers, Dentists, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers

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volume, the Wisconsin Medicaid PI Program calculates the standard deduction in order to assist Eligible Professionals in determining their eligible patient encounters. The standard deduction for Program Year 2021 is 4.47 percent.

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To calculate eligible patient encounters, Eligible Professionals should multiply the total eligible encounter patient volume by a factor of (1 - 0.0447), which is 0.9553, and then divide that number by the total patient encounter volume. The final number should be rounded to the nearest whole number (that is, 0.01–0.49 should be rounded down to the nearest whole number, and 0.50–0.99 should be rounded up to the nearest whole number).

For examples of how to calculate individual and group patient volume, Eligible Professionals may refer to the [Example of Calculating Individual Patient Volume](#) topic (#12100) and the [Example of Calculating Group Practice Patient Volume](#) topic (#12101) of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

Audits and Appeals

As a reminder, Eligible Professionals who receive incentive payments from the Wisconsin Medicaid PI Program may be subject to an audit at any time. A failed audit may result in a recoupment of incentive payments. Eligible Professionals are required to retain all relevant supporting documentation used when completing a Wisconsin Medicaid PI Program application for six years post-attestation and submit it to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services upon request. The [Meaningful Use of Certified EHR Technology](#) chapter of the Online Handbook contains examples of relevant supporting documentation an Eligible Professional must retain for audit purposes.

For information on the appeals process, Eligible Professionals should refer to the [Appeals Process](#) topic (#12137) of the Online Handbook.

QUICK LINKS

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