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FEE-FOR-SERVICE HOSPITAL ACCESS PAYMENTS ENDED FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025

ForwardHealth is ending state fiscal year 2025 fee-for-service hospital access payments for acute care, long-term acute care, critical access, and rehabilitation hospitals as of September 10, 2025.

This means that ForwardHealth will not pay hospital access payments for a member's inpatient and outpatient hospital fee-for-service claims when:

- The claims process dates are after September 10, 2025.
- The dates of service are from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

The process date is different from the date of payment, so a single Remittance Advice may include claims that are eligible and ineligible for access payments.

Note: Access payments paid through managed care by HMOs are **not** affected by this ForwardHealth Update.

AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The information provided in this ForwardHealth Update is published in accordance with Wis. Stat. §§ 49.45(3)(e)11 and 49.45(3)(e)12.



Budget for Each Fiscal Year

Fee-for-service access payments are only available until the money budgeted for the fiscal year has been paid out. Once the budgeted amount has been paid out, the payments are unavailable until rates have been set for the next fiscal year per Medicaid Inpatient Hospital State Plan § 9700 and Medicaid Outpatient Hospital State Plan § 4250.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This Update applies to hospital services that members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. Hospital services that members receive through BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid SSI, and other managed care programs will remain unaffected.

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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 HIV Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health within DHS.

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