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FORWARDHEALTH REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASES

ForwardHealth has increased reimbursement rates for certain services as authorized by [2025 Wisconsin Act 15](#), the 2025–2027 biennial budget, for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2026.

Reimbursement Rate Increases

For DOS on and after January 1, 2026, ForwardHealth will increase maximum allowable fee rates for:

- [Dental anesthesia](#).
- [Home health visits](#).
- [Narcotic treatment services \(opioid treatment programs\)](#).
- [Obstetrics medical services](#).
- [Personal care services](#).
- [Private duty nursing \(PDN\) services](#).
- [Residential substance use disorder \(SUD\) treatment services](#).

Providers can find [maximum allowable fee schedules](#) updated with the new reimbursement rates on the ForwardHealth Portal (the Portal) on January 1, 2026.

AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers With Psychiatric Specialty, Dentists, Home Health Agencies, Hospital Providers, Intensive In-Home Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Children Providers, Intensive Outpatient Program Providers, Master's-Level Psychotherapists, Medical Equipment Vendors, Narcotic Treatment Services Providers, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses in Independent Practice, Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinics, Personal Care Agencies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Qualified Treatment Trainees, Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers, Substance Abuse Counselors, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

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No other policies for these services are changing. Providers should continue to follow all current coverage and prior authorization policy in the [ForwardHealth Online Handbook](#).

Dental Anesthesia

ForwardHealth will increase rates for dental anesthesia to \$238.00 per 15-minute unit for the Common Dental Terminology (CDT) procedure codes listed below. ForwardHealth will also increase the number of 15-minute units allowed per encounter to 10.

Dental anesthesia CDT procedure codes include:

- D9222 (Deep sedation/general anesthesia first 15 minutes).
- D9223 (Deep sedation/general anesthesia – each subsequent 15 minute increment).
- D9239 (Intravenous moderate [conscious] sedation/analgesia – first 15 minutes).
- D9243 (Intravenous moderate [conscious] sedation/analgesia – each subsequent 15 minute increment).

Home Health Visits

ForwardHealth will increase rates for home health visits performed by registered nurses (RNs) or licensed practical nurses (LPNs) employed by home health agencies to \$117.86 for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) procedure code 99600 (Unlisted home visit service or procedure).

Narcotic Treatment Services

ForwardHealth will increase rates for narcotic treatment services (opioid treatment programs) to \$16.91 for in-clinic administration of methadone using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code H0020 (Alcohol and/or drug services; methadone administration and/or service [provision of the drug by a licensed program]) with modifier U1.

Obstetrics Medical Services

ForwardHealth will increase the unit rates for obstetrics medical services for these CPT procedure codes:

- 59400 (Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, vaginal delivery [with or without episiotomy, and/or forceps] and postpartum care) will increase to \$1,356.20.
- 59510 (Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, cesarean delivery, and postpartum care) will increase to \$1,356.20.

QUICK LINKS

- [Max Fee Schedule Dynamic Search](#)
- [2025 Wisconsin Act 15](#)

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- 59610 (Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, vaginal delivery [with or without episiotomy, and/or forceps] and postpartum care, after previous cesarean delivery) will increase to \$1,442.61.

Personal Care Services

ForwardHealth will increase rates for personal care services to \$6.26 for HCPCS procedure code T1019 (Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/MR or IMD, part of the individualized plan of treatment [code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nurse assistant]).

Private Duty Nursing Services

ForwardHealth will increase rates for certain PDN services provided by RNs or LPNs to:

- \$75.00 per hour for ventilator-dependent care performed by RNs (CPT procedure code 99504 [Home visit for mechanical ventilation care] with modifier TD [RN]).
- \$61.05 per hour for ventilator-dependent care performed by LPNs and licensed vocational nurses (CPT procedure code 99504 with modifier TE [LPN/LVN]).
- \$67.55 per hour for non-ventilator-dependent care performed by RNs (HCPCS procedure code S9123 [Nursing care, in the home; by registered nurse, per hour]).
- \$55.00 per hour for non-ventilator-dependent care performed by LPNs (HCPCS procedure code S9124 [Nursing care, in the home; by licensed practical nurse, per hour]).

These new rates apply to agency rates and do not apply to PDN services provided by RNs and LPNs operating in independent practice.

Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

ForwardHealth will increase the unit rates for residential SUD treatment services for HCPCS procedure code H0018 (Behavioral health; short-term residential [non-hospital residential treatment program], without room and board, per diem) with modifier TF (Intermediate level of care) or TG (Complex/high tech level of care) and revenue code 1002 (Behavioral health accommodations residential-chemical dependency):

- H0018 with modifier TF and revenue code 1002 will increase to \$102.84.
- H0018 with modifier TG and revenue code 1002 will increase to \$228.53.

NEVER MISS A MESSAGE

Stay current on policies and procedures by signing up for Portal text messages or email alerts! These alerts let providers know when there is a new secure Portal message. Go to the **Message Center** on the secure Portal and click **Notification Preferences**. Section 12.4 of the [ForwardHealth Provider Portal Account User Guide](#) has detailed instructions.

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Documentation Retention

Providers are reminded that they must follow the documentation retention requirements per Wis. Admin. Code § [DHS 106.02\(9\)](#). Providers are required to produce or submit documentation, or both, to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) upon request. Per Wis. Stat. § [49.45\(3\)\(f\)](#), providers of services shall maintain records as required by DHS for verification of provider claims for reimbursement. DHS may audit such records to verify the actual provision of services and the appropriateness and accuracy of claims. DHS may deny or recoup payment for services that fail to meet these requirements. Refusal to produce documentation may result in denial of submitted claims, recoupment of paid claims, application of intermediate sanctions, or termination from the Medicaid program.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This ForwardHealth Update applies to rate changes for services that members receive on a fee-for-service basis. For information about managed care implementation of the updated rates, contact the appropriate 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 HIV Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health within DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at 800-947-9627 or visit our website at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.