

# ForwardHealth UPDATE

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## 2025 HOSPICE REIMBURSEMENT RATE CHANGES

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2025, ForwardHealth has updated Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus hospice reimbursement rates. The [Attachment](#) to this ForwardHealth Update lists the new rates.

Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus hospice reimbursement rates are based on hourly and per diem rates established by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for all covered hospice services.

ForwardHealth will automatically adjust previously paid claims for services provided on and after the effective date.

Note: Nursing home room and board rates are not impacted by these hospice reimbursement rate changes.

### AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

### TO

Hospice Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

### QUICK LINKS

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

Provider Services, 800-947-9627

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## Reminder About Reimbursement for Routine Care Services

ForwardHealth's reimbursement rate structure for hospice routine care services is based on the number of a member's hospice days. The structure provides a higher rate for a member's first 60 days of hospice care and a lower rate for days 61 and after.

Additionally, a service intensity add-on (SIA) payment is provided for routine care services provided by a social worker or a registered nurse during the last seven days of a member's life. The SIA payment is in addition to the hospice routine care reimbursement.

Refer to the ForwardHealth Online Handbook Routine Care Services topic #[1155](#) for more information about reimbursement for hospice routine care services.

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## Quality Data Reporting Requirement

Hospice providers are required to report quality data to the federal CMS per sections 3004 and 3132(a) of the [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#). Provider reimbursement amounts are directly affected by their compliance with the quality data reporting requirement.

## 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.

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## Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This ForwardHealth Update applies to hospice 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.

## 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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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/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/).

# ATTACHMENT

## Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus Hospice Reimbursement Rates

Effective for Dates of Service on and After October 1, 2025

This table includes hospice reimbursement rates for routine care, continuous care, inpatient respite care, and general inpatient care. It also includes service intensity add-on rates for routine care services provided by a social worker or a registered nurse during the last seven days of a member's life.

Payment for all hospice care is based on the geographic location where the service is provided.

- Rates for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes T2042, T2043, G0155, and G0299 are based on the member's address on file with ForwardHealth.
- Rates for HCPCS procedure codes T2044 and T2045 are based on the provider's address.

### Reimbursement Rates for Hospice Procedure and Revenue Codes

COUNTY	RATES BASED ON MEMBER ADDRESS ON FILE WITH FORWARDHEALTH						RATES BASED ON PROVIDER ADDRESS	
	T2042, 0651 (DAILY) ROUTINE HOME, DAYS 1-60	T2042, 0651 (DAILY) ROUTINE HOME, DAYS 61 AND AFTER	0652 (DAILY) CONTINUOUS HOME	T2043, 0652 (HOURLY) CONTINUOUS HOME	G0155, 0562 (1/4 HOUR) ROUTINE HOME SERVICE INTENSITY ADD-ON, SOCIAL WORKER	G0299, 055X (1/4 HOUR) ROUTINE HOME SERVICE INTENSITY ADD-ON, REGISTERED NURSE	T2044, 0655 (DAILY) INPATIENT RESPITE	T2045, 0656 (DAILY) GENERAL INPATIENT
Brown	\$214.81	\$169.31	\$1,540.17	\$64.17	\$16.04	\$16.04	\$523.93	\$1,118.34
Calumet	\$223.47	\$176.14	\$1,611.71	\$67.15	\$16.79	\$16.79	\$543.35	\$1,161.61
Chippewa	\$229.47	\$180.87	\$1,661.21	\$69.22	\$17.30	\$17.30	\$556.78	\$1,191.56
Columbia	\$222.54	\$175.41	\$1,604.03	\$66.83	\$16.71	\$16.71	\$541.26	\$1,156.96
Dane	\$222.54	\$175.41	\$1,604.03	\$66.83	\$16.71	\$16.71	\$541.26	\$1,156.96
Douglas	\$221.70	\$174.75	\$1,597.10	\$66.55	\$16.64	\$16.64	\$539.38	\$1,152.77

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Eau Claire	\$229.47	\$180.87	\$1,661.21	\$69.22	\$17.30	\$17.30	\$556.78	\$1,191.56
Fond du Lac	\$212.32	\$167.35	\$1,519.64	\$63.32	\$15.83	\$15.83	\$518.35	\$1,105.92
Green	\$222.54	\$175.41	\$1,604.03	\$66.83	\$16.71	\$16.71	\$541.26	\$1,156.96
Iowa	\$222.54	\$175.41	\$1,604.03	\$66.83	\$16.71	\$16.71	\$541.26	\$1,156.96
Kenosha	\$214.43	\$169.01	\$1,537.02	\$64.04	\$16.01	\$16.01	\$523.07	\$1,116.43
Kewaunee	\$214.81	\$169.31	\$1,540.17	\$64.17	\$16.04	\$16.04	\$523.93	\$1,118.34
La Crosse	\$227.26	\$179.13	\$1,642.95	\$68.46	\$17.11	\$17.11	\$551.83	\$1,180.51
Marathon	\$212.79	\$167.73	\$1,523.54	\$63.48	\$15.87	\$15.87	\$519.41	\$1,108.28
Milwaukee	\$226.23	\$178.32	\$1,634.51	\$68.10	\$17.03	\$17.03	\$549.53	\$1,175.40
Oconto	\$214.81	\$169.31	\$1,540.17	\$64.17	\$16.04	\$16.04	\$523.93	\$1,118.34
Outagamie	\$223.47	\$176.14	\$1,611.71	\$67.15	\$16.79	\$16.79	\$543.35	\$1,161.61
Ozaukee	\$226.23	\$178.32	\$1,634.51	\$68.10	\$17.03	\$17.03	\$549.53	\$1,175.40
Pierce	\$244.08	\$192.39	\$1,781.88	\$74.24	\$18.56	\$18.56	\$589.54	\$1,264.55
Racine	\$226.68	\$178.67	\$1,638.16	\$68.26	\$17.06	\$17.06	\$550.53	\$1,177.61
Rock	\$212.85	\$167.78	\$1,524.04	\$63.50	\$15.88	\$15.88	\$519.55	\$1,108.58
Sheboygan	\$221.70	\$174.75	\$1,597.10	\$66.55	\$16.64	\$16.64	\$539.38	\$1,152.77
St. Croix	\$244.08	\$192.39	\$1,781.88	\$74.24	\$18.56	\$18.56	\$589.54	\$1,264.55
Vernon	\$227.26	\$179.13	\$1,642.95	\$68.46	\$17.11	\$17.11	\$551.83	\$1,180.51
Washington	\$226.23	\$178.32	\$1,634.51	\$68.10	\$17.03	\$17.03	\$549.53	\$1,175.40

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Waukesha	\$226.23	\$178.32	\$1,634.51	\$68.10	\$17.03	\$17.03	\$549.53	\$1,175.40
Winnebago	\$222.14	\$175.10	\$1,600.75	\$66.70	\$16.67	\$16.67	\$540.37	\$1,154.98
Rural WI*	\$208.45	\$164.30	\$1,487.64	\$61.99	\$15.50	\$15.50	\$509.67	\$1,086.56
Rural IA	\$200.62	\$158.13	\$1,423.03	\$59.29	\$14.82	\$14.82	\$492.13	\$1,047.48
Rural IL	\$211.95	\$167.07	\$1,516.61	\$63.19	\$15.80	\$15.80	\$517.53	\$1,104.09
Rural MI	\$204.16	\$160.92	\$1,452.25	\$60.51	\$15.13	\$15.13	\$500.06	\$1,065.15
Rural MN	\$216.44	\$170.60	\$1,553.64	\$64.74	\$16.18	\$16.18	\$527.58	\$1,126.49

\*All counties in Wisconsin not otherwise listed

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