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CPT, HCPCS, AND CDT PROCEDURE CODE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

Effective for dates of services on and after January 1, 2026, ForwardHealth has updated covered services, policies, and service limitations to reflect the 2026 first quarter Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), and Current Dental Terminology (CDT) procedure code changes. These changes included additions, revisions, and deletions of certain CPT, HCPCS, and CDT procedure codes for BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid.

Procedure Code Changes

ForwardHealth adopted updates to CPT, HCPCS, and CDT procedure codes for these services:

- Audiology
- Dental
- Disposable medical supplies
- Medicine

AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

QUICK LINKS

- [ForwardHealth Online Handbook](#)
- [Interactive maximum allowable fee schedules](#)

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- Radiology
- Remote physiological monitoring evaluation and management services
- Surgery

On December 31, 2025, ForwardHealth end-dated two HCPCS procedure codes (G0511 and G0512) used by community health centers (CHCs) for behavioral health services.

- CHCs must use the CPT procedure codes listed in the ForwardHealth Online Handbook Collaborative Care Model topic #[22557](#) and follow the policy when submitting claims for Psychiatric Collaborative Care Management services.
- CHCs must use the CPT procedure code listed in the Behavioral Health Integration topic #[23217](#) and follow the policy when submitting claims for general behavioral health integration services.

Refer to the [interactive fee schedules](#) on the ForwardHealth Portal for complete information on general ForwardHealth coverage related to the updated CPT, HCPCS, and CDT procedure codes, including information on allowable rendering provider types and maximum allowable fees.

Policy information for CPT, HCPCS, and CDT procedure codes is subject to change. Refer to the interactive fee schedules and the [Online Handbook](#) for the most current policy and coverage information.

Suspended Claims Now Processing

ForwardHealth's implementation of 2026 CPT, HCPCS, and CDT procedure codes was delayed. As a result, ForwardHealth temporarily suspended processing claims with certain 2026 procedure codes submitted on and after January 1, 2026. ForwardHealth has completed the systems updates and will automatically process these suspended claims. No provider action is required.

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 actual provision of services and the appropriateness and accuracy of claims. DHS

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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 multiple service areas that members receive on a fee-for-service basis and through BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid SSI, and other managed care programs. For information about managed care implementation of the updated policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO). MCOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

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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/.