
WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE

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TO:
Community Support Programs

Medicaid CSP: Reimbursement and Billing Issues

Local funding policy

Wisconsin statutes require counties to provide that part of Medicaid reimbursement for Medicaid community support program (CSP) services that is not provided by the federal government (Section 49.45 (30), Wis. Stats.). Wisconsin Medicaid pays providers the federal share of Medicaid CSP services.

Counties must abide by the following requirements and maintain an audit trail in writing to document that the payment of non-federal share meets all of the following requirements.

1. The funds used must be public funds (e.g., community aids, county tax levy) including bona fide donations as defined in 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 433.54.
2. The funds used may not be federal dollars unless the federal dollars are authorized for use as matching funds for other federal dollars.
3. The funds used may not be state or local dollars that are used to match other federal dollars.

For auditing purposes, providers must be able to demonstrate that they have adequate matching funds in their CSP program budget.

Do not use DVR "transition to employment services" grants as local payment of non-federal share

Providers may not use any portion of Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) "transition to employment services" grant funds as Medicaid CSP local payment of non-federal share. These DVR grants consist of federal dollars that are not authorized to be used as match for other federal dollars. (DVR, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, provides these grants to enhance CSP vocational programming.)

Additionally, local funding being used as the match to the DVR funds may not be used as the local payment of the nonfederal share for CSP.

All CSP services billed to Wisconsin Medicaid must meet the covered services definition as specified in HSS 107.13 (6), Wis. Admin. Code, and described in the Medicaid CSP provider handbook.

Do not bill both DVR and Wisconsin Medicaid for the same service

Even if the CSP has adequate matching funds, you may not bill and be reimbursed by both DVR and Wisconsin Medicaid for the same service.

If your contract with DVR identifies one staff person funded in full by the DVR grant, then all of the services provided by that staff person are considered to be billed to the grant. Therefore, you may not bill any of these services to Wisconsin Medicaid.

If a staff person is funded in part by the DVR grant, all vocationally related activities provided on behalf of clients specified in the DVR proposal are considered to be billed to the grant. You may not bill any of these services to Wisconsin Medicaid.

You may bill Wisconsin Medicaid for other Medicaid-covered services provided by that staff. However, you may only bill Wisconsin Medicaid for total hours up to that portion of the staff person's time not funded by the grant.

CSPs may not bill Wisconsin Medicaid for any activities funded through DVR grants...

1. If a staff person is funded in full by a DVR grant:
 - You may not bill any of that staff person's time to Wisconsin Medicaid.
2. If a staff person is funded in part by the DVR grant:
 - You may not bill Wisconsin Medicaid for any vocationally related activities provided on behalf of clients specified in the DVR proposal.
 - You may only bill Wisconsin Medicaid for that portion of the staff person's time not funded through the DVR grant.

For example, if DVR is funding 20 hours per week of a full-time staff person, you may bill Wisconsin Medicaid for up to 20 hours of that staff person's time each week.

Determine if other federal funding sources may be used as local payment of non-federal share

Contact the funding source to find out whether the federal dollars that you receive from them are authorized for use as local payment of the non-federal share for other federal dollars.

If you receive authorization, maintain an audit trail in writing to document that the federal dollars are authorized for use as local payment of the non-federal share for other federal dollars.

What's new...

Wisconsin Medicaid is in the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) formerly known as the Department of Health and Social Services.

If you happen to be out "surfing" the Internet and feel like visiting the DHFS Web site, you can find it at this address:

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/>