
WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE

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TO:

All Medicaid Providers in Milwaukee,
Ozaukee, Racine, Washington,
and Waukesha counties
Primary Providers

Primary Provider Program (PPP) Ends - Effective June 1, 1997

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The federal waiver authorizing Wisconsin Medicaid to operate the Primary Provider Program (PPP) expires at the end of May 1997. The PPP has been operating since 1994. The PPP linked some Milwaukee County SSI-disabled recipients to a provider who coordinated and authorized additional medical care for recipients.

Effective June 1, 1997, providers will no longer have to obtain referrals from a Primary Provider. Recipients will receive a standard blue Medicaid ID card.

Wisconsin Medicaid notifying PPP recipients

We are notifying currently enrolled PPP recipients about the program's end date. Beginning in June 1997, these recipients will receive Medicaid services through fee-for-service with a standard blue Medicaid ID card.

PPP recipients may continue to see their current providers and will no longer need referrals to other medical services, unless otherwise required by Wisconsin Medicaid.

PPP recipients will also receive information about their option to join Independent Care (I Care). I Care is a voluntary managed care program for SSI-disabled recipients in Milwaukee County.

Information for providers certified in the PPP

Thank you for participating as a Primary Provider with the PPP. As the program comes to a close, here is some helpful information:

- For dates of service on and after June 1, 1997, you will no longer be responsible for authorizing and referring your patients who are enrolled in PPP to other medical services.
- Services to other medical providers for your PPP patients prior to June 1, 1997, will still need your referral and authorization. Refer to previous Medicaid Updates for information on billing and services that need referrals under PPP.
- Beginning June 1, 1997, you will no longer receive the \$3.00 monthly fee per enrolled recipient for providing care coordination.
- Recipients who want to maintain relationships with their primary provider may do so. If the primary provider is also part of the I Care network, the provider may inform his or her recipients of their option to join I Care.
- Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 1997, the PPP handbook (Part K, Division II) no longer applies.

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