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# WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE

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Nursing Homes

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## New Billing Form for OBRA Level I Screens

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### Wisconsin Medicaid implements new OBRA Level I billing form

Effective July 1, 1997, nursing homes must submit requests for OBRA (1989 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) Level I screening reimbursement on the new billing form.

Wisconsin Medicaid will deny any requests for reimbursement received at EDS on the old billing form on and after July 1, 1997. The new billing form incorporates the OBRA Level I reimbursement policy change that went into effect February 1, 1997.

Nursing homes must complete all the required information on the form, including the signature and date. Refer to the billing instructions on the back of the form. The information on the form is required to ensure program compliance with federal regulations.

Attached is a copy of the new billing form. We will send a supply of the new two-ply billing form to all certified nursing homes. Nursing homes may use the new two-ply form or a copy of the form.

The new billing form (dated 07/01/97) and instructions replace Appendices 16 and 17 in the nursing home (Part Y) handbook.

### Policy clarification

If a resident is officially discharged from a Medicaid-certified long term care facility and needs to be readmitted at a later date, the facility may request reimbursement for the new preadmission Level I screen.

If a resident is officially discharged from one nursing facility and admitted on the same date to another facility (interfacility transfer), the receiving facility may not request reimbursement for a Level I screen.

If you have questions about the Medicaid payment policies for Level I screens, please contact the Bureau of Health Care Financing's Nursing Home Section at (608) 267-0996.

### Record retention reminder

Wisconsin Medicaid requires the nursing home to keep a copy of the resident's Level I screen and results of other preadmission and assessment screenings in the resident's clinical record. Nursing homes must maintain these records for a period of seven years from the date of the record's completion.

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**Attached is a copy of Wisconsin Medicaid Update 97-02. Update 97-02 gives information about the OBRA Level I reimbursement policy change that went into effect February 1, 1997.**



## OBRA Level I Screening Form Instructions

Use these instructions to complete the "Request for Reimbursement for OBRA Level I Screening" form. Wisconsin Medicaid denies reimbursement requests if the following information is not provided.

### Provider Name

Enter the name of the facility providing the Level I screening.

### Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Number

Enter the eight-digit provider number of the facility providing the Level I screening.

*The following information must be provided for each Level I screening completed.*

### Resident's Last Name

Enter the last name of the resident who was screened.

### Resident's First Name

Enter the first name of the resident who was screened.

### Social Security Number

Enter the 9-digit Social Security number of the resident who was screened.

### Screen Date

Enter the date (in MMDDYY format) the screen was performed.

### Admission Date

Enter the date (in MMDDYY format) the resident was admitted to the facility.

### Reason for Screen

You must circle "yes" or "no" for Numbers 1-4. A Preadmission Screen is the only reimbursable screen.

1. *Preadmission Screen*

- Wisconsin Medicaid will only reimburse facilities for a Level I screen that results in a new admission to their facility. Facilities are not eligible for reimbursement if the individual screened was not admitted.

- Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse providers for one Level I screen per admission.

2. *Readmission after a hospital stay of any type or of any length*

- Individuals who are being *readmitted* to a Medicaid certified nursing facility *after a hospital stay of any type or of any length* may be readmitted without completion of a new Level I screen. If the nursing facility elects to do a new Level I, they may not seek reimbursement for it.

3. *Interfacility transfer*

- If a nursing home is receiving a resident from another nursing home, *interfacility transfer*, they do not need to do a Preadmission Level I. PASARR regulations do not require a new Level I. If the receiving nursing home elects to do a Preadmission Level I, they may not seek reimbursement for it.

4. *Change of status*

- Any Level I screens completed for a resident after admission are not reimbursable.

### Signature/Date

An authorized representative of the facility must sign and date the request form.

Send completed forms to:

EDS  
6406 Bridge Road  
Madison WI 53784-0002