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# WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE

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## Infant Head Molding Bands

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Wisconsin Medicaid covers *infant head molding bands*. These devices are designed to correct severe skull deformities in infants under 18 months of age.

Wisconsin Medicaid has established local code W6020 for infant head molding bands. The code covers all activities necessary to fit and adjust the head molds, including the cost of the molds and headbands. Wisconsin Medicaid pays separately for the initial evaluation and follow-up visits.

Wisconsin Medicaid requires prior authorization for infant head molding bands. Providers must submit a prior authorization request with detailed medical and photographic documentation. Only neurosurgeons and plastic surgeons may submit prior authorization requests for the bands.

Bill procedure code W6020 with type of service "2" (surgery). Providers may perform this procedure in the following places of service: outpatient hospital and office (places of service 2 and 3, respectively).

When billing Wisconsin Medicaid, continue to bill your usual and customary charge for the service. Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse the lesser of either your usual and customary charge or the maximum allowable fee.

As with other Medicaid services, providers have one year from the date of service to submit or adjust a claim.

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