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PhysiciansHMOs and Other
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Dane, Dodge,
Green, Iowa,
Jefferson,
Lafayette,
Rock, Sauk,
and Walworth
Counties

Changes to Point of Sale pilot training handouts

This Update describes changes to the pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) pilot training handouts.

Ulcer treatment drugs require prior authorization

Because of ongoing state budget negotiations, the Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF) has removed all ulcer treatment drugs (H₂ antagonists and proton pump inhibitors) from the list of diagnosis-restricted drugs. Instead of a diagnosis restriction, all ulcer treatment drugs will continue to require prior authorization (PA). Requests for PA for these drugs may be submitted through Specialized Transmission Approval Technology-Prior Authorization (STAT-PA). Attachment 1 of this Update lists drugs that require PA and diagnosis-restricted drugs. This attachment replaces pages 15 and 16 of the Point of Sale (POS) pilot training handouts.

Attachment 2 is an updated version of the diagnosis code table found on pages 17 and 18 of the POS pilot handouts. The ulcer treatment drugs have been removed from this table because they currently require PA. This attachment replaces pages 17 and 18 of the POS pilot training handouts.

You will be informed of additional changes to these tables as they occur.

For more information, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

Unit dose indicator changes

After talking to several software companies, the DHCF decided to change Wisconsin Medicaid's unit dose indicator default for POS and paper claim submissions to correspond with the National Council on Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) unit dose default.

The NCPDP unit dose default "0," "not specified" now corresponds to Wisconsin Medicaid's default, which is blank, for "traditional dispensing fee with no repackaging allowance."

The NCPDP unit dose indicator "1," "not unit dose" now corresponds to Wisconsin Medicaid's "D" unit dose indicator for "traditional dispensing fee with repackaging allowance."

These changes are reflected in Crosswalk Five of Attachment 3. This attachment replaces pages 3 and 4 of the POS pilot training handouts.

The changes to Crosswalk Five only apply to POS and paper claims submissions. Unit dose indicators for Electronic Media Claim (EMC) submissions will not be affected by these changes. Continue to use Wisconsin Medicaid unit dose values for pharmacy EMC claims as defined in Crosswalk Five.

Please note that many of the NCPDP fields will default to "0" when nothing is entered. Refer to

the POS training materials for what those values mean in Wisconsin Medicaid. For more information, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

Electronic Media Claims record layout changes

Changes to the pharmacy EMC record layouts will take effect with the statewide implementation of POS later this year. If you wish to continue submitting pharmacy claims through EMC, changes to your pharmacy EMC software will be required. Billing services and software vendors will receive the updated EMC record layouts from the fiscal agent. Please call the EMC Department at (608) 221-4746, ext. 3037 or 3041 if you want detailed information about the changes.

Reminder about paper claim submission

Providers in the POS pilot counties who submit paper claims are required to use the new non-compound and compound drug claim forms beginning July 7, 1999. To order new claim forms (form 1141 for non-compound drugs and form 1142 for compound drugs), call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or write to:

Form Reorder
6406 Bridge Rd.
Madison, WI 53784-0003

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Wisconsin Medicaid is administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For provider questions, call the Medicaid fiscal agent at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid.