**HealthCheck Newsletter Articles**

Consider communicating about the HealthCheck benefit in your organization’s next newsletter. Copy and paste text from the choices below to create an article in your newsletter. Three articles of different lengths and topics are provided so that your association can select content that best meets the needs of your membership.

*(Length: Title + 167 words) Short article introducing HealthCheck educational video for professionals*

**New HealthCheck Video Available for Health Professionals**

Help educate your staff with this [new video about HealthCheck](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOJxajgGiiA&feature=youtu.be) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOJxajgGiiA&feature=youtu.be>), which is an important Wisconsin Medicaid benefit that covers most diagnostic and intervention services that a child or young adult through age 20 may need. It provides regular screenings and follow-up services to help prevent illnesses and find and treat health issues early.

Learn how you and your staff can help people get the treatment, services, and medical products they need. The video (2 min., 20 sec.) covers:

* What the HealthCheck benefit covers.
* How to access services not usually covered by Wisconsin Medicaid.
* The streamlined prior authorization process.

Anyone under 21 who has Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, or a ForwardHealth card is automatically covered. This benefit is also called Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) in federal Medicaid. Thank you for helping to spread the word about HealthCheck!

More information is available on the [Resources for HealthCheck Providers page](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/HealthCheck/resources_72.htm.spage) (<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/HealthCheck/resources_72.htm.spage>) of the ForwardHealth Portal and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services [HealthCheck webpage](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/healthcheck.htm) ([www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/healthcheck](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/healthcheck)).

*(Length: Title + 98 words) Short article for creating awareness of HealthCheck*

**Do your patients know about HealthCheck? This Medicaid benefit helps children and young adults stay healthy.**

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*(Length: Title + 419 words) In-depth article for creating awareness of HealthCheck*

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**Well-child checks are a key benefit that helps keep kids healthy**

The HealthCheck benefit provides periodic, comprehensive health screening exams (also known as “well-child checks”). These screens include medical, vision, hearing, and dental based on the [periodicity schedule](https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf) (<https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf>) recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Primary care providers, including pediatricians, nurse practitioners, local health departments, and physician clinics, should provide the appropriate components of a HealthCheck comprehensive screen based on American Academy of Pediatrics or other best practice guidelines. HealthCheck also covers interperiodic screens and problem-focused visits with any Medicaid-enrolled provider, within the scope of their license.

**HealthCheck “Other Services” allows access to services not usually covered**

Conditions identified during a HealthCheck comprehensive screen or problem-focused visit may be referred for additional evaluation, which is covered by Wisconsin Medicaid. If follow-up services and products are prescribed, they may be covered as HealthCheck “Other Services.”

HealthCheck “Other Services” provides coverage for prescribed services a member might require to meet medical needs or concerns identified by a health professional. These “other services” include a broad array of interventions, such as physician services, dental care, therapies, home health services, prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and medical equipment and supplies, which improve the member’s condition, prevent regression, or maintain the member’s status. If the service is allowable by federal Medicaid and medically necessary for the individual, HealthCheck may cover it, even if the service is not usually covered by Wisconsin Medicaid.

**Providers access HealthCheck “Other Services” by submitting a prior authorization request**

Coverage of HealthCheck “Other Services” can be requested via the prior authorization process. The Department of Health Services has streamlined the process to simplify submissions for providers and ensure member access. Details are available in the February 2019 ForwardHealth Update (2019-08), titled “[Explanation of Prior Authorization Requirements for HealthCheck ‘Other Services’](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/kw/pdf/2019-08.pdf)” (https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/kw/pdf/2019-08.pdf).

More information about HealthCheck and HealthCheck “Other Services” is available on the ForwardHealth Portal on the [Resources for HealthCheck Providers](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/HealthCheck/resources_72.htm.spage) page (<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/provider/medicaid/HealthCheck/resources_72.htm.spage>).