

PUBLIC NOTICE
Department of Health Services
Pharmacist as a Provider

The State of Wisconsin reimburses providers for services provided to Medical Assistance recipients under the authority of Title XIX of the Social Security Act and ss. 49.43 to 49.47, Wisconsin Statutes. This program, administered by the State's Department of Health Services (the Department), is called Medical Assistance (MA) or Medicaid. In addition, Wisconsin has expanded this program to create the BadgerCare Plus programs under the authority of Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act and s. 49.471 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Federal statutes and regulations require that a state plan be developed that provides the methods and standards for reimbursement of covered services. A plan that describes the reimbursement system for the services (methods and standards for reimbursement) is in effect.

Change in Covered Services and Payment Methods

The Department is making the following changes: 2021 Wisconsin Act 98 requires the Department to implement enrolling pharmacists as providers in Wisconsin Medicaid that may be reimbursed for covered medical services provided to ForwardHealth members. The covered medical services provided to ForwardHealth members are to be within the pharmacist's scope of practice under their licensure or are services authorized to be performed under a collaborative practice agreement with a physician.

The change will be effective October 1, 2023 and will apply to claims with dates of service on or after that date. The change to Medicaid, and BadgerCare Plus is projected to result in increased annual expenditures of \$0 all funds (AF), composed of \$0 federal match (FED) and \$0 state funds/general purpose revenue (GPR).

Copies of Changes

Copies of the Pharmacist as a Provider Medicaid state plan amendment may be obtained free of charge by calling or writing:

Mail:

Attention: DHS SPA Coordinator
Bureau of Benefits Policy Division of Medicaid Services
P.O. Box 309
Madison, WI 53701-0309

Fax: (608) 266-1096
Attention: DHS SPA Coordinator

E-Mail:

DHSDMSSPAPublicFeedback@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Copies of the state plan change will be made available for review at the main office of any county department of social services or human services.

Written Comments

Written comments are welcome. Written comments on the proposed changes may be sent by FAX,

e-mail, or regular mail to the Division of Medicaid Services as described above. All written comments will be reviewed and considered.

The written comments will be available for public review between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily in Room 350 of the State Office Building, 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Revisions may be made in the proposed change based on comments received.