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REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASE FOR CERTAIN EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2020, ForwardHealth will increase reimbursement rates for some evaluation and management services performed by certain providers, as authorized by 2019 Wisconsin Act 9, the 2019-2021 biennial budget.

Reimbursement Rates

The following table lists which provider types can perform the identified evaluation and management service, the services that are eligible for the rate increase, and the rate increase percentage.

AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

Advanced Practice Nurse
Prescribers With Psychiatric
Specialty, Family Planning Clinics,
HealthCheck Providers, Nurse
Midwives, Nurse Practitioners,
Physician Assistants, Physician
Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and
Other Managed Care Programs

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[State of Wisconsin Executive
Budget, 2019-21](#)

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TYPE OF PROVIDER	EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES ELIGIBLE FOR INCREASE	RATE INCREASE
Psychiatrist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office or Other Outpatient Services (99201-99215) Hospital Observation Services (99217-99220 and 99224-99226) 	↑ 33%
Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (With Psychiatric Specialty)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Inpatient Services (99221-99223 and 99231-99239) Consultations (99241-99255) 	
Physician other than Psychiatrist	Office or Other Outpatient Services (99201-99215)	↑ 6%
Physician Assistant		
Nurse Practitioner		
Nurse Midwife		
Family Planning Clinic		
HealthCheck Providers		
Physician	Preventive Visits (99381-99397)	↑ 6%
Physician Assistant		
Nurse Practitioner		
Nurse Midwife		
Family Planning Clinic		
HealthCheck Providers		

Note: Each provider type will receive the increased reimbursement rate only for the identified evaluation and management services they are currently allowed to perform.

Current reimbursement rates are listed on the [max fee schedules](#) page of the ForwardHealth Portal.

Per current policy, ForwardHealth will continue to apply current incentive pricing to the updated maximum allowable fees based on Health Professional Shortage Area status, obstetric classification, and/or member age.

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Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This ForwardHealth Update contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Managed care organizations are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

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The ForwardHealth Update is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Medicaid Services within the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health within DHS.

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