



How to Use the Medical Assistance Card

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Medicaid in Wisconsin

- Medicaid is sometimes referred to as Title 19, Medical Assistance or MA
- Federal program managed and partially funded by states - each state is different
- Wisconsin has generous Medicaid services
- Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS)



What are the Doorways into Medicaid?

- Eligibility is determined one of two ways - by disability or by income
- Disability Eligibility - Katie Beckett or SSI
- Income Eligibility - SSI, Badgercare, Healthy Start



Medicaid is Medicaid

- Regardless of the doorway into Medicaid, the Medicaid card benefits are the same
- There may be a network of providers if you are in an HMO
- Card benefits refer to services that are covered by showing your child's blue Forward card. Providers will often run this card through a scanner to see if your child is currently insured.



Medicaid Benefits that Wisconsin is Required to Provide

- Family Planning Services
- Health Check (EPSDT)
- Home Health Services or Nursing
- Inpatient Hospital Services
- Inpatient Hospital
- Nursing Home
- Nurse Midwife Services
- Nursing Services
- Physician Services
- Rural Health Clinic Services



Additional Wisconsin State Plan Benefits

- Case Management
- Chiropractic Services
- Dental Services
- Home and Community Based Waivers
- Hospice Care
- Intermediate Care Facility Services
- Laboratory and X-Ray Services
- Pharmaceutical Drugs (listed in Medicaid Drug Index)
- Medical Supplies and Equipment
- Mental Health and Medical Day Treatment
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Rehabilitative Services
- Optometry Services
- Personal Care Services
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry Services

State Plan Services, continued

- Prenatal Care Coordination
- Respiratory Care Services
- Skilled Nursing Home Services
- Speech, Hearing and Language Services
- Substance Abuse Services
- Transportation to Obtain Medical Care

So, What is Health Check?

- A Health Check exam provides comprehensive health checkups
- Health Check Other Services covers medically necessary goods and services not typically covered by Medicaid. Needs to be prescribed as an outcome of a Health Check coded exam.




What Benefits Might My Child Receive Under Health Check Other Services?

- Most services must receive prior authorization from before service is delivered
- Certain over the counter drugs are covered without prior authorization. These include iron supplements, laxatives, multi-vitamins, topical protectants and lactase products.



Examples of Health Check Other Services Benefits, continued

- Orthodontia if medically necessary, not cosmetic
- Increased psychiatric services for children with Severe Emotional Disturbance (including day treatment and in home intensive treatment)



Tell Me More About Home and Community Based Waivers

- Waivers are a way to use Medicaid funding in a flexible way
- Wisconsin has several waivers - some for adults, some for children, some for specific disability groups
- Common waiver is the Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS)




What Do I Need to Know About Prior Authorizations?

- They are necessary in order to receive some Medicaid benefits
- Medical Necessity is the standard used to evaluate all requests for services
- Important to avoid duplication of services
 - need to know difference between medical necessity and educational programming



Considerations When Approving a Prior Authorization

- Whether the service is medically necessary and appropriate
- How much it will cost
- Whether it is likely to be effective, of high quality and at the right time
- Whether there is a less expensive or more appropriate alternative
- Whether the provider or recipient has overused or misused services



Steps for Getting Services, Supplies or Equipment

- Identify needs, including in-home supports
- Doctor writes prescription
- Family and/or doctor identifies provider
- Family works with provider to submit PA
- Submit PA to Medicaid
- PA's are approved for time and intensity; be aware of submission rules
- If approved, services are provided
- If denied, work with the provider to file an appeal



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