

# Wisconsin Medicaid Program Coverage Update: Guide to utilizing Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) benefits



## General steps for ordering devices and providing clinical support to eligible patients on Medicaid:

### ○ Step 1: Determine if patient is eligible for device and submit order

- Automatic blood pressure device and cuff are covered for beneficiaries with medical necessity documented in a member's records
  - ForwardHealth reimburses only for services that are medically necessary, as defined under [Wis. Admin. Code & DHS 101.03\(96m\)](#). There is no Dx restriction.
- Providers are required to prepare and maintain documentation of the member's continuing use of the equipment, as well as documentation of all DME/DMS services as stated in Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 106.02(9)(a). A current, signed, and dated physician prescription is required for each DME/DMS for each DOS when requesting Medicaid reimbursement. Per Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 105.02(4), providers are required to maintain medical records for no less than five years from the date of reimbursement.
- Devices should be listed on the Validated Device Listing ([validatebp.org](https://validatebp.org))
- Patients who have received a blood pressure monitor in the past and require a replacement will need prior authorization
  - Managed Care members should contact their individual MCO to learn more about replacements

### ○ Step 2: Check that patient has received their device

- Submit relevant documentation as needed to patient's DME supplier or pharmacy
- Patients should receive notification on how to obtain their device from the supplier (pick up or home delivery)

### ○ **Step 3: Initiate SMBP with patient**

- When patient receives device, ask patient to conduct an in person or virtual visit for initial cuff fitting and training on how to use the device

### ○ **Step 4: Provide patient with ongoing SMBP support**

- Follow SMBP protocol (see resources for more information)
- Share plan with patient on how often to take readings, record them, and communicate back
- Update treatment plan as necessary based on SMBP readings

### ○ **Step 5: Sustain your SMBP program**

- Submit claims for SMBP clinical services using CPT® codes
  - Medicaid providers may be reimbursed for SMBP services using 99473, for patient device education and training, and 99474, for data collection and interpretation in Wisconsin

## **Resources**

### **Policy**

- [ForwardHealth Changes to Blood Pressure Monitoring Equipment Requirement no. 2025-21](#)
- [ForwardHealth Medical Records Policy Relating to DME Dispensing](#)
- [Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin SMBP Education & Billing Guide](#)

### **Initiating SMBP with patients**

- [AMA 7-step SMBP Quick Guide](#)
- [US Blood Pressure Validated Device Listing \(VDL\)™](#)
- [SMBP Jumpstart](#)

