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RE: **BadgerCare Plus Release 09-04**

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EFFECTIVE DATE The following policy additions or changes are effective 06/18/09 unless otherwise noted. **Bold text** denotes new text. Text with a strike through it denotes deleted text.

4.3.5. — Iraqis & Afghans With Special Immigrant Status

Revised Policy

Though treated like refugees, the individuals in this special immigrant status category are only able to access benefits for a limited time:

- Afghan special immigrants **who entered the U.S. on or before July 11, 2009**, are eligible for BC+ benefits for up to ~~six~~**eight** months from the date they enter the country.

8.2 — CENS

From Ops Memo 08-53 and 09-29

The newborn child does not receive this automatic eligibility if the mother's BC+ enrollment is a temporary enrollment through the Express Enrollment ~~program~~ or if she is enrolled under the ~~BadgerCare Prenatal Program (41)~~.

- ~~3. They are continuously living with the natural mother. If the child moves out of state or ceases to live continuously with the natural mother, the infant loses his/her continuous eligibility and cannot recover it. S/he can become eligible as a child under the regular BC+ rules.~~

A newborn is no longer required to reside with his/her mother to be eligible as a CEN. This is true even if the newborn is being placed into foster care, adoption or is residing with a caretaker relative. A CEN who no longer resides with his/her mother but still resides in Wisconsin should remain eligible as a CEN through the end of the month in which s/he turns one year old.

38.5.4.1 Green Cards

Do not issue a temporary card to members who would not normally receive a ForwardHealth card. Members in the following categories do not get a Forward Health card, so should not be issued temporary cards:

1. AE — Immigrant Emergency services. No card is necessary because only services directly related to the emergency are reimbursable by BC+.
- ~~2. FC — Family Care Non-MA. BC+ does not cover services provided to members in this category. If the member is enrolled in a Family Care CMO, limited services are provided entirely by that CMO.~~

3. Medicare Premium Assistance Programs (**for persons who are not eligible for Medicaid or BC+**)
 - a. SB — SLMB only
 - b. SLMB+ — Qualified individual, group 1
 - ~~c. ALMB — Qualified individual, group 2~~
 - d. QW — QDWI

~~BC+ pays for these members' Part A and/or Part B Medicare premiums. No health care services are payable by BC+.~~

42 Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid

This chapter was removed and a link added to this information which is in the Medicaid Eligibility Handbook; [Chapter 36](#).

43.6.5 Health Insurance Coverage

Policy Clarification

Health insurance coverage is defined as medical care (provided directly, through insurance or reimbursement or otherwise) under any hospital or medical service policy or certificate, hospital or medical services plan contract, or HMO contract offered by a health insurance issuer.

Health insurance coverage includes group health insurance coverage, individual health insurance coverage and short-term, limited duration insurance. For the purposes of this policy, health insurance does not include County General Assistance Medical Programs, Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP), Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, **Indian Health Program** or other public health care programs for the uninsured.

43.10 — Verification

4. Health Insurance Access ~~(7)~~ **(43.6.6)**
5. Health Insurance Coverage ~~(7)~~ **(43.6.5)**
- 6. Good Cause for not signing up for insurance (access) and for losing insurance coverage (43.6.6)**

Good Cause for Losing Health Insurance

- **Employer dropped coverage: EVHI**
- **Health condition of self/family: Provided by the applicant**
- **Life changing event: Provided by the applicant**
- **Involuntary Termination: UC Date Exchange or provided by the applicant**

Good Cause for Access to Health Insurance

- **Enrollment in BC+/Medicaid: CARES, CWW or iC**
- **Pre-existing Condition: Provided by the applicant**

48.1.1 — Children

Operations Memo 09-27

The premium table for children was updated.