

**Presentation for EPIC
BadgerCare Plus - Youths Exiting Out Of Home Care
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DRAFT POLICY & PROCESS

New population to be included in BadgerCare Plus

Youths who were in an “out-of-home-care” arrangement on their 18th birthday are eligible until the end of the month of their 21st birthday.

What types of arrangements are included in “out-of-home-care”:

- State or federal funded foster care
- Court ordered Kinship Care
- Subsidized guardianship (Milwaukee program)

What types of arrangements are not included in “out-of-home-care”:

- Adoption assistance
- Tribal Child Welfare
- Arrangements where Department of Corrections has custody.

Eligibility

To be eligible the youth must meet the following criteria:

- S/he was in one of the above arrangements on 18th birthday
- S/he was receiving a foster care, Court ordered Kinship Care, or Subsidized guardianship benefit on 18th birthday
- His/her date of birth was 1-1-90 or after.*
- S/he provides a SSN or cooperates in applying for one
- Is a U.S. Citizen, national or qualifying non-citizen
- Provides verification of citizenship and identity, or qualifying non-citizen status
- Cooperates with child support enforcement agency in obtaining medical support liability (unless pregnant)
- Cooperates with providing third party liability information
- Physically resides and intends to continue residing in Wisconsin
- Is not an inmate

The following do not apply to this population:

- Income test
- Asset test
- Verification of health insurance access and coverage
- Premiums

*Note: This population is being phased in to BadgerCare Plus. Not all persons between ages 18-21 yrs can apply beginning 1-1-08. An applicant's birth date must be after 1-1-90.

Process

- These youth would have been receiving Medicaid as a recipient of child welfare benefits.
- The Child Welfare agency needs to assist the youth in transferring the case to BadgerCare Plus and completing an application through ACCESS.
- When the youth's Medicaid case is expected to close, the Child Welfare agency sends details regarding the individual to the Income Maintenance agency so s/he can be processed for BadgerCare Plus.

Ongoing

- The only change in circumstances that affect eligibility is if the youth moves out of state or becomes an inmate.
- The youth must complete a review every 12 months and report any address changes.