

BadgerCare Plus Conversion (1/14/08) Numbers

Individuals who became newly eligible for BadgerCare Plus in February 2008

Approximately 42,000 individuals became newly eligible for BadgerCare Plus in February 2008 due to a number of policy changes. For example, in BadgerCare an individual was not eligible if s/he had any health insurance coverage during the three previous months. Under BadgerCare Plus, an individual with health insurance coverage is ineligible only if the coverage is provided through a household member and is employer sponsored at 80% or more.

Similarly, there were approximately 13,000 children who were in unmet deductible categories but became eligible for BadgerCare Plus because there is no longer an income limit for children. In the past, less than 1% of children who were required to meet a deductible were able to do so and qualify for coverage.

Example of Healthy Start Deductible: Family consists of a mother and her two minor children: Kelly (age 3) and Karson (age 7). Family income is 190% of the federal poverty level (FPL). Before Karson could be enrolled, his family needed to spend down to 41% of the FPL over a six month period. **However, due to different eligibility rules for children under age 6, Kelly's mother** would only have to spend down to 185% of the FPL to become eligible. Unlike the prior Family Medicaid program, BadgerCare Plus treats the two children the same with respect to the application of deductibles and other policies.

The number of individuals who became newly enrolled effective February 2008 for the following reasons are estimated as follows:

Reason	Children	Pregnant women	Parents or Caretaker Relatives	Totals	Percentage of total
Health insurance coverage	5,920	320	9,761	16,001	38%
Unmet deductible	13,815	107	0	13,922	33%
Household composition	2,337	126	3,853	6,316	15%
Other*	2,181	118	3,597	5,896	14%
Total	24,254	671	17,210	42,135	100%

*Other includes a myriad of reasons including income limit increases for caretakers, forgiveness of arrears and restrictive reenrollment periods, change in requirement to cooperate with child support agency, etc.

Other Notes:

There were only 953 new families added.

The majority of individuals who became newly eligible for BadgerCare Plus in February:

- Are members of families already on assistance, who now qualify under the new BadgerCare Plus rules.
- Will be required to pay a premium.
- Are children (57%).