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BEM OPERATIONS MEMO

No: 08-54

DATE: 12/12/2008

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PRIORITY: HIGH

**SUBJECT: TRANSITION OF GAMP/GA/GR MEDICAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO
THE BADGERCARE PLUS CORE PLAN FOR CHILDLESS ADULTS**

CROSS REFERENCE: BadgerCare Plus Handbook Chapter 44

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2009

PURPOSE

This memo describes the transition from General Assistance (GA)/General Relief (GR) Medical programs to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults on December 12, 2008, and this population's eligibility as "Transitional Childless Adults" (TCLA) effective January 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND

Effective 1/1/09, the Transitional BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults will replace the Milwaukee GA Medical Program (GAMP) and be available to those currently enrolled in other county/tribal general assistance health care programs in Wisconsin.

Individuals enrolled in the Milwaukee General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) and the other county/tribal GA/GR medical programs will automatically be enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan effective January 1, 2009. This memo provides detailed information about this transition.

TRANSITION PROCESS

On December 12, 2008, an automated transition of individuals enrolled in GA/GR Medical programs to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults (BC+CLA) will occur.

DHS has requested specific data regarding individuals enrolled in all county/tribal GA/GR Medical programs. All individuals enrolled in a GA/GR Medical program whose information is received by December 12 will be automatically enrolled into the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults as TCLAs effective 1/1/09.

There will be an alternate process available to submit GA/GR Medical program enrollees' names between 12/12 and 12/26 so that they can be transitioned to the BC+ Core Plan. However, after 12/26/08, it will no longer be possible to add people to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults as TCLAs.

The BC+ Core Plan will focus on preventive care for those enrolled in the program, and will not cover services that are incurred when not enrolled in the program. For these reasons, counties/tribes may choose to continue providing GA/GR Medical services after this transition to continue to cover urgent or emergency situations.

Members will receive a CARES letter notifying them that they have been transitioned to the BC+ Core Plan and will be receiving a Forward Health card (see attachment 1). They will also receive a Badger Rx Gold Card and letter (see attachment 2).

POLICY

Detailed policy can be found in the new BadgerCare Plus Handbook in Chapters BadgerCare Plus Handbook Chapter 44.

CARES

TCLA AUTOMATION IN CWW – LOCAL AGENCY VIEW

Workers in IM agencies may want to view TCLA member data in CARES . You will be able to view the eligibility information for TCLA Core Plan in CWW much like you do the eligibility information for SSI MA.

1. Find the individual using Quick Select or the Search page.
2. From the Individual Summary page Select Individual Eligibility History.
3. The Individual Eligibility History page has been updated to display TCLA information.

Individual Eligibility History

Individual : MARVIN TCLAQUICKSELECT PIN : 7101170579

SSI-Medicaid Eligibility

Current Eligibility

SSI Name:	MARVIN TCLAQUICKSELECT	Eligibility Status:	Eligible
Citizenship:		Eligibility Start Date:	11/01/2008
Federal Living Arrangement:	Own household	Eligibility End Date:	09/30/2009

Payment Information

Federal SSI Payments:	No	State SSI Payments:	Yes
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▼ Federal SSI MA Eligibility History

TCLA Eligibility

Current Eligibility

Name:	MARVIN TCLAQUICKSELECT	Eligibility Status:	Open
Eligibility Start Date:	01/01/2009	Eligibility End Date:	
Physical Exam Completed?		Good Cause:	
Physical Exam Date:		Source:	
County/Tribe Residency:	MILWAUKEE COUNTY		

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This page provides you with the current TCLA eligibility status for the individual, including the start date and end date.

You can also view TCLA Eligibility information through the Query function in CWW.

1. Search for the individual in CWW.
2. Choose the case the individual is associated with.
3. Select Query from the Navigation menu.
4. Select the Confirmed Assistance Group Summary page to view the TCLA information.

n.gov - CARES Worker Web - Confirmed Assistance Group Summary - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided

User ID: XCT548 User Name: P JANSEN Quick Select: CASE/RFA [Go](#) [Help](#) [Logout](#)

Primary Person : ADULT ABWD-NOKIDS 43F PP Case: 4700458348 Status: Open Mode: Ongoing 11/13/2008

Confirmed Assistance Group Summary

CARES Assistance Group Eligibility

Assistance Group	Sequence	Status	Reasons	Eligibility Begin Date	Eligibility End Date	AG Review Date
MA Z	1	DENIED	054			
CC Z	1	DENIED	054			
CTS Z	1	DENIED	054			
FS	1	OPEN		11/05/2008	10/31/2009	
WW Z	1	DENIED	054			

SSI Medicaid Eligibility

Name (CARES)	Name (SSI)	Eligibility Status	Eligibility Begin Date	Eligibility End Date
No data found.				

TCLA Eligibility

Name (CARES)	Name (TCLA)	Eligibility Status	Eligibility Begin Date	Eligibility End Date
ADULT ABWD-NOKIDS	TEST ABWD-NOKIDS	Open	01/01/2009	

This view will provide the same basic information about the person's TCLA status as the view on the Individual Eligibility History page.

TCLA AUTOMATION IN CWW – OTHER SYSTEM CHANGES**Notices**

You will be able to see TCLA notices using the Correspondence History Search Criteria and Correspondence History Search results pages.

Medical Status Codes

A new medical status (med stat) code "GT" will be used by interChange to identify TCLA recipients.

CASELOAD MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY**Vendor and state staff**

BC+ Core Plan enrollment and benefits for TCLA members will be managed by centralized state and vendor staff.

TCLA benefits will be closed when a TCLA member:

- Has died;
- Turned 65 (ie: eligible for Medicare);
- Is eligible for other Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus;
- Moves out of state; or
- Becomes institutionalized.

IM Agencies

If a TCLA member applies for or is open for another program in CARES (e.g. FoodShare), local agencies will continue to administer and process that case and those benefits as usual. If a member has questions regarding his/her TCLA benefits, please refer him/her to Member Services, 800-362-3002.

- **Note:** While these individuals are in CARES for the TCLA transition, they are separate from the CARES cases administered by IM agencies (e.g. updates to the FoodShare case will not update the TCLA information and vice versa).

ATTACHMENTS

- TCLA CARES Notice
- Badger Rx Gold Letter

CONTACTS

BEM CARES Information & Problem Resolution Center

*Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, BC+ – BadgerCare Plus, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – FoodShare Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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MADISON WI 53703



**State of
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ID #: 1234567890

Member Services
Phone/TTY #: 1-800-362-3002

Important Information About Your Health Care Benefits

Dear FIRSTNAME LASTNAME:

You have been enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan starting on Jan. 1, 2009. This plan replaces the health care benefits you have under the General Assistance Medical Program in your county. A list of covered services for the Core Plan, including prescription drugs, is included in this letter.

A ForwardHealth Card will be mailed to you at the address above. Bring this card with you when you visit your doctor and pharmacy. Be sure to tell them that you have health care benefits through the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan.

Between Jan. 1, 2009 and Mar. 31, 2009, you can get services that are covered by the Core Plan from any health care provider that accepts BadgerCare Plus (Medicaid). As of Apr. 1, 2009, most Core Plan members will be enrolled in a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). To learn more about enrolling in an HMO, please call Automated Health Services at 1-800-291-2002.

As a Core Plan member, you must have a physical exam during your first year of enrollment. If you do not have a physical exam, you may not be able to renew your benefits after your first year.

BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults

Covered services and co-payments for members who were enrolled in a county or tribal General Assistance Medical Program

COVERED SERVICES	CO-PAYMENT
<p>Visits to the doctor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes office visits and surgical procedures. Mental health visits are only covered when they are with a psychiatrist. For substance abuse, physician services are covered. Routine eye exams are not covered. 	<p>\$0.50 to \$3 per service, limited to \$30 per provider per calendar year.</p> <p>No co-payments for emergency services, preventive care, anesthesia, or clozapine management.</p>
<p>Hospital services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This includes inpatient and outpatient visits. Inpatient mental health and substance abuse services are not covered. 	<p>For outpatient visits, \$3 per visit.</p> <p>For inpatient visits, \$3 per day. For each stay, you will not have to pay more than \$75 in co-payments.</p> <p>You will not have to pay more than \$300 per year in co-payments for all of your hospital services.</p>
<p>Emergency room visits and ambulance rides for emergencies.</p>	<p>\$0</p>
<p>Emergency dental services.</p>	<p>\$0</p>
<p>Prescription drugs. - See next page</p>	
<p>Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a limit of 20 visits per year for each type of therapy. Cardiac rehabilitation is included under physical therapy. 	<p>\$0.50 to \$3 per service.</p> <p>Co-payments will not be charged after the first 30 hours or \$1,500 of each type of therapy, whichever occurs first, each calendar year.</p>
<p>Durable Medical Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has a benefit limit of \$2,500 per year. Rental items count towards the limit. 	<p>\$0.50 to \$3 per priced unit.</p>
<p>Disposable Medical Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is limited to syringes, diabetic pens, and items used with durable medical equipment. 	<p>\$0.50 to \$3 per unit of item.</p>
<p>Dialysis and other kidney-related services for people with end-stage renal disease, who do not qualify for Medicare end-stage renal disease services.</p>	<p>\$0</p>

Prescription drug coverage for people who were enrolled in a county or tribal General Assistance Medical Program

In most cases, generic drugs and some over-the-counter drugs are covered at a cost to you of up to \$5 for each item. Your co-pay will be \$20 per pharmacy per month for drugs prescribed by your physician. As noted below, certain “brand name” drugs may also be covered by the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan.

Mental Health Drugs

- From January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009, the Core Plan will cover any mental health drug you are currently taking to treat depression, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, epilepsy and other seizure disorders, bipolar disease and schizophrenia, and drugs used to treat attention deficit disorder.
- Beginning April 1, 2009, the Core Plan will cover your mental health drugs. If you are taking drugs for Alzheimer’s disease, bipolar disease or schizophrenia, you will continue on any drug used to treat these conditions as long as you remain enrolled in the Core Plan.
- Beginning April 1, 2009, the Core Plan will continue to cover the specific drug you are currently taking to treat depression, Parkinson’s disease, epilepsy and other seizure disorders, and attention deficit disorder, as long as you remain enrolled in the Core Plan. If you need to change to a different drug for these conditions, it may not be covered under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan. Please see the “All Other Medications” section below.

Asthma and Diabetes Drugs

- From January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009, the Core Plan will cover any insulin you are currently taking to treat diabetes and some inhalers you are currently taking to treat asthma.
- Beginning April 1, 2009, the only insulins that will be covered under the Core Plan are Humalog and Lantus.
- Beginning April 1, 2009, the only asthma inhalers that will be covered under the Core Plan are Flovent, Serevent and Proventil HFA.

Other asthma and diabetes medications may be covered under the Badger Rx Gold program.

All Other Medications

- Beginning January 1, 2009, generic drugs and a limited number of over the counter (OTC) drugs will be covered under the Core Plan.
- Beginning January 1, 2009, brand name drugs and other drugs not covered under the Core Plan will be available through the Badger Rx Gold program.
- If you have any questions, please contact Member Services at 1-800-362-3002.

Keep in mind that the Core Plan does not cover these services:

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| • Non-emergency dental services | • Non-emergency transportation |
| • Chiropractic services | • Nursing home care |
| • Hearing services | • Podiatrist services |
| • Routine vision exams | • Reproductive health services (these services are covered through BadgerCare Plus Family Planning Waiver Services) |
| • Home health care | • Services for children and pregnant women |
| • Hospice | |
| • Inpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment services | |



BadgerRx Gold Customer Care

Phone: 866-809-9382 (toll-free)

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Central Time

<DATE>

<Member Name>

<Address Line 1>

<Address Line 2>

<City&State&Zip>

Dear BadgerCare Plus Member:

Welcome to the BadgerRx Gold Program! As a member of BadgerCare Plus, **you have been enrolled in BadgerRx Gold**. The information below explains how to use this program.

BadgerRx Gold

Your BadgerRx Gold identification (ID) card is enclosed.

This card offers a discount on certain brand-name drugs.

You must bring your BadgerRx Gold ID card each time you go to the pharmacy.

If you have any questions about BadgerRx Gold prescription drug coverage, call BadgerRx Gold Customer Care at 1-866-809-9382 or visit our website at www.badgerrxgold.com.

ForwardHealth

You must bring your ForwardHealth ID card when you go to the pharmacy.

ForwardHealth covers a list of generic drugs and a limited number of over-the-counter drugs.

ForwardHealth also helps you pay for diabetic supplies.

For questions about the ForwardHealth card or benefits, contact BadgerCare Plus Member Services at 1-800-362-3002 or visit the website at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Default.aspx

Sincerely,

BadgerRx Gold Customer Care