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To: BadgerCare Plus Eligibility Handbook Users

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RE: **BadgerCare Plus Release 10-03**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

The following policy additions or changes are effective 08/25/10 unless otherwise noted. **Bold text** denotes new text. Text with a strike through it denotes deleted text.

**Financial Requirements (Chapters 16-24) > 17 Deductibles > 17.2 Pregnant Women**

**New Text:**

A self employed pregnant woman with income over 300% FPL, who is also the **parent or** caretaker relative of a child, does not have to meet a deductible. She is eligible with no premium under the benchmark plan. If she is not the **parent or** caretaker relative of a born child, she would have to meet a deductible to become eligible for BC+.

**Program Administration (Chapters 25-37) > 32 Express Enrollment > 32.2 Express Enrollment for Pregnant Women**

**Old Text:**

The provider will:

1. Medically verify the pregnancy.
2. Complete a BC+ EE for Pregnant Women application.
3. Provide a temporary BC+ card if ~~she~~ meets the non-financial and financial criteria or EE.

**New Text:**

The provider will:

1. Medically verify the pregnancy.
2. Complete a BC+ EE for Pregnant Women application.
3. Provide a temporary BC+ card if **she** meets the non-financial and financial criteria or EE.

**Program Coverage (Chapters 38-47) > 43 BadgerCare Plus Core Plan > 43.6 Non-financial > 43.6.6 Health Insurance Access**

**New Text:**

Current or past access to employer sponsored insurance through a current employer **of the applicant/member, the applicant/member's spouse or the applicant/member's parent can affect eligibility for the Core Plan.**

Insurance is considered "employer sponsored" only if the employer contributes some amount to the cost of the insurance. If the employer pays no portion of the premium it is not considered employer sponsored.

**Current Access**

An individual with access to employer sponsored health insurance through a current employer or his/her spouse's **or parent's** employer is ineligible, regardless of the amount of the employer contribution. Current access means the coverage would begin:

- Within the month of application, or
- In the three months following the month of application.

There is no good cause for not signing up when the applicant or member has current access to insurance.

**Past Access**

An individual who had access to employer sponsored insurance through his/her current employer (or his/her spouse's **or parent's** current employer) in the past 12 months is ineligible, regardless of the amount of the employer contribution, unless there is a good cause reason for not signing up for the insurance. The good cause reason only applies at the time of application. There will be no good cause reasons granted at renewal if the member did not sign up for the employer sponsored insurance while he/she was enrolled in the Core Plan.

**Tables (Chapters 48-52) > 51.1 Medical Status Codes**

This section was renamed "51.1 BadgerCare Plus Medical Status Codes" from "Medical Status Codes."

**Old Text:**

These codes were deleted:

FB – Family Planning/TB Related/QMB,

FQ - Family Planning/QMB, and

FT - Family Planning/TB Related

**New Text:**

**For a complete list of Medical Status Codes see Process Help Chapter 81 Forward Health iChange.**