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SUBJECT: CARES Updates for the Medicaid and Badgercare Plus Policy Changes for Certain Immigrant Children and Pregnant Women

CROSS REFERENCE: Operations Memos [09-57](#) & [10-10](#)
BadgerCare Plus Handbook (BCPH), [4.3](#)
Medicaid Eligibility Handbook (MEH), [7.3](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 31, 2011

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Operations Memo is to announce updates made in CARES Worker Web (CWW) to accommodate the policy changes announced in Operations Memos 09-57 and 10-10.

BACKGROUND:

Operations Memo 09-57 announced policy changes, implemented in October 2009, to lift the five year ban for Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus (BC+) eligibility for immigrant children and pregnant women. Operations Memo 10-10 announced additional changes retroactive to October 2009 to allow immigrant children and pregnant women legally residing in the U.S. to qualify for regular Medicaid and BC+. CWW was not updated at the time of these policy changes, so CWW workarounds were communicated. Effective January 31, 2011, CWW will be updated with new eligibility logic and a new Immigrant Status code to allow CWW to correctly apply this policy without using any workarounds.

CARES:

Effective January 31, 2011, CWW will be programmed to correctly determine Medicaid and BC+ eligibility for **immigrant** children under age 19, young adults under age 21 residing in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD), and pregnant women, per policy in BCPH 4.3.4 and MEH 7.3.4.

5-YEAR BAR

CARES will no longer apply the 5 year eligibility bar to children under age 19, young adults under age 21 residing in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD), and pregnant women with the CARES Alien Registration Status Codes of 01, 03, 06 or 16.

Special Agricultural Workers

This CWW update will allow children under the age 19, young adults under age 21 residing in an IMD and pregnant women with the CARES Alien Registration Status Codes of 13 or 14 to receive Medicaid or BC+ if they are otherwise eligible.

Alien Registration Status Code 20**BADGERCARE PLUS AND MEDICAID**

A new immigrant code '20' has been added to the Alien Registration Status code list in CWW (Reference Table TCTZ). This code, labeled "Lawfully Residing" is to be used for all persons admitted under one of the Class of Admission Codes found in the table in section 7.4.4 of the MEH, and 4.3. of the BCPH. This code was created to take the place of the work around and manual certification process described in OM 10-10.

Pregnant women, children under 19 or young adults under 21 residing in an IMD with the new Alien Registration Status Code of '20' may receive Medicaid or BC+ if they are otherwise eligible. All other individuals admitted to the U.S. under one of these Class of Admission Codes and coded in CARES with the '20' Alien Registration Status code are ineligible for Medicaid and BC+ (except for emergency services).

CARES will be programmed to determine eligibility correctly for all persons.

FOODSHARE, CHILD CARE AND CARETAKER SUPPLEMENT (CTS)

No one, including pregnant women and children, with an Alien Registration Status code 20 is eligible for these programs.

W-2

Applicants with an Alien Registration Status code '20' could be eligible for W-2, only if they are authorized to work by the immigration and naturalization service.

Summary Chart

Immigrant Status	CARES Alien Registration Status Code	MA/BC+ Changes in CWW for Children & PW	Changes in CWW for others
Lawfully Admitted for Permanent Residence	Code 01	Eligible with no 5 year bar	None
Lawfully Present under Section 203(a)(7)	Code 03	Eligible with no 5 year bar	None
Lawfully Present under Section 212(d)(5)	Code 06	Eligible with no 5 year bar	None
Special agricultural worker under Section 210(A)	Code 13	Eligible	None
Additional special agricultural worker under Section 210(A)	Code 14	Eligible	None
Battered Immigrant who suffered domestic abuse	Code 16	Eligible with no 5 year bar	None
Lawfully Residing	Code 20	Eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA/BC+ - None • W-2 - Applicant eligible with Employment Authorization Document. • Child Care – No one eligible. • FoodShare – No one eligible. • CTS – No one eligible

Reports

We will send three reports to the local agencies in late January or early February. These reports are being sent to assist Income Maintenance agencies in updating the CWW entries for cases opened using the system workaround communicated in the earlier memos, and to make all children and pregnant women eligible for MA or BC+ who qualify under the new policies. Each report will identify individuals in cases that are either open or closed less than 30 days who will need to have eligibility run and confirmed. Some will require changes made to the data on the Alien/Refugee Information screen in CWW before running eligibility.

Processing instructions will be included with each report.

5-YEAR BAR WORKAROUND INDIVIDUALS

This report will list cases containing women and children with an Alien Registration Status code of '1', '3', '6' or '16' with an Arrival Date of **2/29/1996**. This date was part of the workaround described in OM 09-57. Workers must change the **2/29/1996** Arrival Date to the person's actual Arrival Date, obtained during the SAVE verification process. After changing the date, eligibility must be run and benefits confirmed.

5-YEAR BAR INDIVIDUALS

This report will list cases containing pregnant women, IMD youths and children under age 19 with an Alien Registration Status code of '1', '3', '6' or '16' with an Arrival Date more recent than January 1, 2006. These individuals should be eligible for full benefit MA or BC+ if they otherwise meet the eligibility requirements. No changes to the Alien/Refugee Information screen in CWW are necessary. Eligibility must be run and benefits confirmed. These individuals will no longer fail for not meeting the citizenship/qualifying immigrant criteria.

LAWFULLY RESIDING

This report will list cases containing women under age 50 and children under age 19 with an Alien Registration Status code of either '8' or '12' who are lawfully in the country. Workers must review the USCIS Class of Admission Codes in SAVE for these individuals. If their admission code matches one of the codes listed in the tables in the MEH 7.4.4 or the BC+ HB 4.3 as explained above, workers must change the Alien Registration Status code in CWW to '20', run eligibility and confirm the benefits.

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*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, BC+ Core – BadgerCare Plus Core, 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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