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SUBJECT: Changes to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

CROSS REFERENCE: BadgerCare Plus Handbook [Chptr 43](#); Process Help [Chptr 4.7](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 28, 2013

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to announce changes to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan. As of September 28, 2013, members completing renewals will no longer be required to pay a processing fee or complete a Health Needs Assessment (HNA) as a condition of eligibility. The Core Plan Waitlist will also be discontinued as of this date.

BACKGROUND:

Current policy requires a Core Plan member to pay an annual \$60 processing fee and to complete a mandatory HNA before his or her annual renewal can be processed. As of January 1, 2014, the Core Plan will end. In place of the Core Plan, childless adults who meet all financial and non-financial eligibility requirements, including having household income at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), will be eligible for regular BadgerCare Plus (BCP) Standard Plan. They will not need to reapply. Childless adults over the income limit for BCP will be able to purchase affordable insurance and apply for premium tax credits and reduced cost sharing through the Marketplace. As part of the transition from Core Plan to regular BCP the processing

fee and mandatory HNA requirements will be eliminated, for current Core Plan members effective September 28, 2013. In addition, the Core Plan Waitlist will be discontinued and Waitlist members will be advised of their new health care options.

Policy Change:

PROCESSING FEE

Effective September 28, 2013, Core Plan members will no longer be required to pay the \$60 processing fee at renewal. A request for a processing fee will be sent to any member who starts his or her renewal prior to September 28th. Fees paid prior to September 28th will not be refunded. Any fees unpaid as of September 28th will be waived. Renewals that are pending for fee payment can be processed after September 28th with a waived fee. Core Plan members with income above 133% of the FPL will continue to be responsible for payment premiums through December 2013.

HNA

Effective September 28, 2013, Core Plan members will no longer be required to complete the HNA at renewal. A request to complete the HNA will be sent to any member who starts his or her renewal prior to September 28th. After September 28th, the requirement to complete the HNA will be waived. Renewals pending the HNA can be processed after September 28th without a completed HNA.

WAITLIST

Effective September 28, 2013, childless adults who apply for health care benefits will no longer be placed on the Waitlist. Existing Waitlist members will receive a letter shortly after the Waitlist is discontinued, letting them know about the options available via the Marketplace as well as through the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan. They will be advised to reapply via the Marketplace as of October 1, 2013, or via their IM consortia as of November 18, 2013.

CARES:

BADGERCARE PLUS CORE PLAN FOR CHILDLESS ADULTS DETAILS PAGE

Effective September 28th, CARES will automatically populate the "Fee Requirement Met" field to "W-Waived" and the "Waived Reason" to "OT –Other".

The "HNA Completed" field will be automatically updated to "E-Not Required" and the "HNA Completion Date" will be updated to the renewal date.

The "Initiate Request", "Edit Request" and "Resume Request" buttons will be disabled.

Health Care Enrollment Application		
		Initiate New Request
Health Needs Assessment		
Individual	HNA Completed	HNA Completion Date
CLAPP SINGLETURNOFF 38M PP	E - Not Required	09/29/2013
SPOUSE ADD 37F WIF	E - Not Required	09/29/2013
Fee Payment		
* Fee Requirement Met:	W - Waived	Waived Reason: OT - Other
Fee Due Date:		
Extended Fee Due Date:		Extended Fee Due Date Reason:
Application Fee Amount: \$0.00		Amount Paid:
Full Fee Paid Date:		

WAITLIST

The option to add a person to the Waitlist through the CWW BadgerCare Plus Core Plan Potential Eligibility page or through the Waitlist Administration page will be disabled as of September 28th. Childless adults who apply in ACCESS "Apply for Benefits" between October 1, 2013 and November 16, 2013, will be advised to apply directly through the Marketplace. If the Marketplace determines the person's income is at or below 100% of the FPL, the account will be transferred back to Wisconsin for processing. More information on how to process an application referred from the Marketplace will be communicated in a separate Ops Memo.

Childless Adults can submit a regular ACCESS application after November 16, 2013.

NOTICES

BadgerCare Plus Core Plan members will now receive the regular BadgerCare Plus 45 Day Renewal Notice. Current language regarding fee payments and the completion of the HNA will not be included in the renewal notice. The notice will be updated to include a statement about gathering tax information and the tax information will be added to the "Proof Needed" section, for BadgerCare Plus Renewals.

Core Plan members who remain eligible for BCP will receive a notice after November 23, 2013, informing them about the change from Core to Standard Plan.

ACCESS:

In ACCESS "Renew My Benefits", payment of the fee and completion of the mandatory HNA will no longer be required, after September 28, 2013.

CONTACTS:

BEPS 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, 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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