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SUBJECT: Age Requirement for Family Planning Only Services

CROSS REFERENCE: [BadgerCare Plus Eligibility Handbook Chapter 40](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to announce clarifications to requirements for Family Planning Only Services (FPOS) in ACCESS starting October 1, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has clarified that an individual “of childbearing age”, without a defined age limitation, who meets all other eligibility criteria, is eligible to enroll in FPOS.

POLICY:

Effective October 1, 2014, the age requirement for FPOS will change to “childbearing or reproductive age.”

SYSTEMS CHANGES:

To align the age requirement across all systems by the policy effective date of October 1, 2014, the following systems changes will be made:

- Effective August 25, 2014, CARES Worker Web (CWW) will be updated to reflect the change to the age requirement effective October 1, 2014. Changes will be effective in CARES on August 25, 2014. FPOS eligibility for October 1, 2014 and later will be determined using “childbearing or reproductive age.”

As noted above, the policy requirement is to base FPOS eligibility on whether an individual is “of childbearing or reproductive age.” To prevent situations in which young children are inadvertently made eligible for FPOS based on a household-level request in CARES, CARES eligibility logic will be adjusted so that young children will not be made eligible for FPOS.

- On September 27, 2014, ACCESS Am I Eligible? (AIE), ACCESS Apply for Benefits (AFB) and the CWW FPOS Request page will be updated to reflect this same change to the age requirement.
- As outlined in Operations Memo 14-33 (to be published at a future date) ACCESS for Partners and Providers (APP) will be updated on September 27, 2014 to allow Express Enrollment for FPOS presumptive eligibility determinations as part of the Enhancements to APP project. This update includes the same change in age requirement for Express Enrollment for FPOS.

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