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To: Income Maintenance Supervisors  
Income Maintenance Lead Workers  
Income Maintenance Staff

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| <b>Affected Programs:</b>                           |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> FoodShare                  |   |
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**Discontinued Requirements for BadgerCare Plus Childless Adults**

**CROSS REFERENCE**

- Operations Memo 20-01, [New Requirements for BadgerCare Plus Childless Adults](#)
- BadgerCare Plus Eligibility Handbook, [Section 2.2.7 Childless Adults](#), [Section 16.1 Income](#), and [Chapter 19 Premiums](#)
- Wis. Stat. [§49.45\(23\)](#) and [49.45\(23b\)](#)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

January 1, 2024

**PURPOSE**

This operations memo announces the discontinuation of certain policy requirements for childless adults enrolled in BadgerCare Plus.

**BACKGROUND**

Effective February 1, 2020, the Department of Health Services (DHS) implemented the following policies for childless adults enrolled in BadgerCare Plus:

- Monthly premiums for members with household income over 50% of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- A treatment needs question as a condition of eligibility.
- An optional BadgerCare Plus Health Survey (health survey) that may reduce the monthly premium.

Based on federal requirements, DHS suspended these policies at the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency in early 2020.

On November 17, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) revoked Wisconsin's authority to impose monthly premiums and require the treatment needs question as a condition of eligibility for childless adults. These authorities ended December 31, 2023.

## **POLICY**

Effective January 1, 2024, DHS will **discontinue** the following policies for childless adults in BadgerCare Plus:

- Charging monthly premiums for members with household income over 50% of the FPL.
- Requiring that applicants and members answer a treatment needs question.
- Allowing applicants and members to complete an optional health survey.

## **CONTACTS**

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