

CARES/ACCESS Updates for June 28th, 2014
DHS Income Maintenance Programs
(Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus/FoodShare/Caretaker Supplement)

ACCESS

ACCESS AFB, RMB, and RMC final changes have been made as part of the Utility Allowance / WHEAP FoodShare changes that occurred with ops memo 14-16.

CWW

BadgerCare Plus

- Changes were made to set all Earned Income extensions for 12 months instead of 4.
- On April 1, policy changed to set RRP for adults to 3 months. Starting August 1, 2014, CWW will set 3 month Restrictive Re-enrollment Periods (RRPs) for adults who fail to pay a premium. Once the 3 month RRP is served, adults must request to re-enroll and should not be automatically re-opened at the end of the RRP. These changes were communicated in operations memo 14-24. To support this process, the CWW Badger Care Plus Restrictive Re-enrollment Information page was with 4 new fields. See screen shot below.

BadgerCare Plus Restrictive Re-enrollment Period Information Cancel [] Reset

Effective Period
Delete Reason: [] Last Updated: 03/18/2014

Additional Information
* Individual: [] RRP Sequence: 1
Individual Type: Adult []
Restrictive Re-enrollment Begin Date: 04/01/2014 Restrictive Re-enrollment End Date: 06/30/2014
Override Restrictive Re-enrollment End Date: [MM/DD/YYYY] [] Override Reason: []

Re-request Information For Adult
BadgerCare Plus Re-request: No [] Re-request Date: [MM/DD/YYYY] []
Re-request Reason: []

Case Comments
Case Comments (Relevant to the restrictive re-enrollment period): []
Current Size = 0 characters (200 characters max.)

Individual [] RRP Seq [] Updated on or before [MM/DD/YYYY] Go [] []

Add Case Comment [] Cancel [] Update

- When imposing an RRP for adults the BC+ re-request will default to “N” and the re-request date and re-request reason will be disabled. If an adult is re-requesting BC+ after the RRP ends, the BC+ re-request will have to be updated to “Y” and a reason entered. If the adult re-requests prior to the end of the RRP s/he will have to pay the arrears and all premiums owed for the months the person is opening. The arrears are not owed if the adult is ineligible for the entire RRP. The BC+ eligibility processes were enhanced to require arrears to be

collected for adults if the arrears are within 3 months of the month eligibility is being determined and a premium is required. In the past, the BC+ eligibility processes look for arrears that are in the past 12 months. Reminder: please refer to the process outlined in Operations Memo 09-15 when re-opening cases with premiums.

The following alerts for BadgerCare Plus have been added to CARES (Ops Memo 13-32)

- Alert 504 TAX DEPENDENCY ENDS. RUN ELIG: An alert will be set after November Adverse Action each year to run eligibility on MAGI/BC+ cases with a tax dependency that ends at the end of the year. The worker must run eligibility for January, to remove that tax dependent for the following year.
- Alert 505 DECSD TAX DPNDT. RUN ELIG: An alert will be set after November Adverse Action each year to run MAGI/BC+ cases where a deceased tax dependent exists. The worker must run eligibility for January, to remove that tax dependent for the following year.

Note: BC+ and FPOS cases with alerts 504 and 505 will also be triggered to go through Adverse Action in December if the case is not updated and eligibility run by the worker prior to that date.

- A trigger has been created to select BC+ and/or FPS cases to be run through eligibility at the December AA batch run of the calendar year when a BC+ Calendar Year Deduction is being applied and the deduction is ending.

FoodShare

ABAWDS/FSET Pilot:

Ops Memo 14-25 announced Time Limited FoodShare Benefits for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) changes in policy and CARES as well as the implementation of the FSET tool for the pilot counties of Walworth, Kenosha and Racine beginning 7/1/2014.

Notices:

FoodShare notices will now display the certification period end date after the box with the 'Status of your benefits' information. The notice will display the following statement: You are enrolled in the FoodShare program until (certification period end date) as long as you continue to meet the program rules.

The notice will also now display the following information:

General Questions about FoodShare or Health Care Benefits or your ForwardHealth Card: See your Enrollment & Benefits handbook or go to dhs.wisconsin.gov/em/customerhelp. Or, call 1-800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available). If you have been approved to get other public assistance benefits or SSI, you may be able to enroll in FoodShare. You can apply for FoodShare online at ACCESS.wi.gov or contact your agency on page 1.

WHEAP/HSUA Changes:

- The WHEAP question will no longer default to "Y" on the Expenses Gatepost Page in CWW, the only valid answers are "Y" or "N".

- FS will pend when the Obligation Amount Verification response is Q? and will not be allowed as a deduction if QV is entered.
- The WHEAP question on the Expense Gatepost page has changed to: Has your household received WHEAP in the current month or past 12 months?

iC/ForwardHealth

- Ops Memo 14-24 announced 4 new medical status codes and 2 medical status codes ending for BadgerCare Plus extensions July 1:

The new codes are:

- 1) JM Earnings Extension, Disabled Adult, > 100% FPL,
- 2) JJ Child/Spousal Support Extension, Disabled Adult, > 100% FPL,
- 3) JC Earnings Extension, Non-Disabled Adult, > 100%, ≤ 133% FPL
- 4) JL Child/Spousal Support Extension, Non-Disabled Adult, > 100%, ≤ 133% FPL

The codes ending are:

- 1) X6 Earnings Extension - 12 Mo (Adults) > 100 - 133% FPL, or tribal/disabled
- 2) X7 Child/Spousal Support Extension - 4 Mo (Adults) > 100 - 133% FPL, or tribal/disabled

The two extension codes remaining are:

- 1) 9R Earnings Extension, Non-Disabled Adult, > 133% FPL
- 2) 9S Child/Spousal Support Extension, Non-Disabled Adult, > 133%

IMQA

- The Review Summary page for BC+ Tax Deductions has been re-named as BC+ Tax Deductions section title and help text added for BC+ Tax Deductions.
- Family Planning Services has been renamed to Family Planning Only Services in the Search Page options.
- IMQA Tool Review Search Results Page: the display was changed to show FPS instead of FPW regardless of whether eligibility was determined under the old rules or MAGI rules. The program of assistance will be displayed as "FPS" even for the cases that were pulled into the IMQA tool in the past
- IMQA Tool Case details page display was changed from "FPW" to "FPS" under the program of assistance for family planning programs.