

APPOINT, CHANGE, OR REMOVE AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: ORGANIZATION

Fill out and submit the Appoint, Change, or Remove an Authorized Representative: Organization form, F-10126B, to appoint, change, or remove an organization as your authorized representative. To change the organization's contact person, either you or the organization must contact your agency. Your agency contact information is on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagery/index.htm.

To appoint a **person** as your authorized representative, fill out and submit the [Appoint, Change, or Remove an Authorized Representative: Person form, F-10126A](#), instead.

If you have a legal guardian, conservator, or power of attorney, that person must appoint an authorized representative for you if you want someone besides them to be your authorized representative.

The personally identifiable information provided on this form will only be used for the direct administration of Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, FoodShare, Family Planning Only Services, and Caretaker Supplement.

Authorized Representative Information

An authorized representative is an organization that is familiar with your household's circumstances and that you trust to act on your behalf. Anyone can serve as your authorized representative **except** for the following:

- People who are disqualified for an intentional FoodShare program violation cannot serve as an authorized representative during their disqualification period unless no one else is able to serve as an authorized representative.
- Homeless meal providers cannot serve as an authorized representative for a homeless food unit. (A food unit is one or more people who live together and buy and make food together.)
- Agency employees who help determine eligibility or benefits may not serve as an authorized representative. Special written approval may be given for them to serve as an authorized representative in certain circumstances though.
- Retailers who are authorized to accept FoodShare benefits may not serve as an authorized representative.

Once appointed, your authorized representative may do any or all of the following on your behalf:

- Apply for or renew benefits
- Report changes to your information
- Work with your agency on any matters related to your benefits
- File grievances and appeals about your eligibility for programs you are applying for or are enrolled in

You can also choose to have your authorized representative get copies of letters about your eligibility and benefits.

You do **not** need to have an authorized representative to apply for or get benefits.

The authorized representative you appoint on this form can act on your behalf for **any** of the following programs: Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, FoodShare, Family Planning Only Services, and/or Caretaker Supplement. If you are enrolled in any of these programs **and** Wisconsin Works (W-2), your authorized representative may also act on your behalf for W-2.

The authorized representative you appoint on this form **cannot** act on your behalf for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program. However, if you want your authorized representative to get copies of letters about your eligibility and benefits and you are enrolled Wisconsin Shares in addition to one of the other programs, your authorized representative will be able to look at or get copies of letters from Wisconsin Shares.

Form Instructions

If required information is missing on this form, including any of the signatures, the form will be considered incomplete, and your authorized representative **cannot** act on your behalf

Section 1 – You need to complete Section 1. You will need to choose if you are appointing, changing, or removing an authorized representative. You will also need to provide your name and date of birth so we can identify you. If you are appointing or changing an authorized representative, choose if you want your authorized representative to get copies of your letters. Next, read the statements of understanding. If you agree, sign and date the form.

Section 2 – A person who can act on behalf of the organization needs to complete Section 2. The person will need to provide the organization's name and contact information as well as his or her own. The person will also need to read the statements of understanding and sign and date the form if the organization and contact person agree to the statements.

Section 3 – If you are appointing or changing an authorized representative, you will need to have someone besides your authorized representative watch you sign this form. This person is called a witness. If you sign this form with an “X,” then two witnesses must watch you sign the form. The witness or witnesses will need to provide their name, signature, and the date they signed the form.

Form Submission

You can submit your completed form in one of the following ways:

Online

Scan all pages of the form to ACCESS. You can do this through your ACCESS account, which you can log into at access.wi.gov. (**Note:** If you do not have an ACCESS account, you can go to access.wi.gov and create one.)

Note: You can only scan forms to ACCESS at certain times. If you are unable to scan the form to ACCESS, submit the form using one of the other ways.

Mail

- If you live in **Milwaukee County**, mail the form to:
MDPU
P.O. Box 05676
Milwaukee, WI 53205
- If you do **not** live in Milwaukee County, mail the form to:
CDPU
P.O. Box 5234
Janesville, WI 53547

Fax

- If you live in **Milwaukee County**, fax the form to 888-409-1979.
- If you do **not** live in Milwaukee County, fax the form to 855-293-1822.

In Person

Take the form to your agency. Your agency contact information is on the DHS website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm.

For more information about authorized representatives, go to the DHS website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/representative-types.htm.

SECTION 1 To Be Filled Out by Applicant/Member



- I am:
- Appointing an authorized representative. You must fill out **all** of Section 1.
 - Changing my authorized representative. You must fill out **all** of Section 1. Make sure you write in the name of your new authorized representative in Part B.
 - Removing my authorized representative. You must fill out **Part A and D** of Section 1. Leave Part B blank.

Part A: Personal Information

Name – Applicant/Member (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Date of Birth

Case Number (if you have one)

Part B: Authorization Information

I appoint the following organization to be my authorized representative:

I want my authorized representative to get copies of letters about my eligibility and benefits. Please note that the letters will be sent to the organization's contact person.

Yes No

If yes, I want the copies to be sent in the following language:

English Spanish

Part C: Statements of Understanding

I understand and agree that:

- I have the right to choose any organization I want to be my authorized representative.
- I can change or remove my authorized representative at any time. I must let my agency know in writing that I want to change or remove my authorized representative.
- I do not have to tell an organization that I am removing it as my authorized representative.
- The authorized representative listed on this form will stay my authorized representative until I change or remove them.
- My authorized representative will have access to my personal information, such as my Social Security number, financial statements, and medical information to help me manage my eligibility.
- I must provide my authorized representative with true and accurate information.
- I am responsible for errors and incorrect information that my authorized representative reports. I understand that if either my authorized representative or I give false information or withhold information, I may:
 - Have to pay back benefits I should not have gotten.
 - Be fined.
 - Be banned from a program.
 - Be prosecuted for fraud.
- By signing this form, I am saying that I understand and agree to the statements above.

Part D: Signature and Date



SIGNATURE – Applicant/Member

Date Signed

SECTION 2 To Be Filled Out by Authorized Representative



Part A: Contact Information

Name – Organization

Street Address

City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number (include area code)
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Name – Organization Contact (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Job Title – Organization Contact

Email Address – Organization Contact (optional)

Part B: Statements of Understanding

I understand and agree that:

- I am authorized to act on behalf of the organization listed in Section 2, Part A.
- As an authorized representative, the organization is limited to doing any or all of the following on the applicant's or member's behalf:
 - Applying for or renewing benefits
 - Reporting changes
 - Working with the applicant's or member's agency on any benefit-related matters
 - Filing eligibility-related grievances and appeals
- The organization is expected to be familiar with the applicant's or member's circumstances.
- The organization must report to the applicant's or member's agency any changes to the contact listed in Section 2, Part A.
- The applicant or member can remove the organization from being his or her authorized representative at any time.
- The applicant or member does not need to notify the organization that it has been removed from serving as his or her authorized representative.
- The organization is the applicant's or member's authorized representative until he or she requests a different authorized representative or chooses not to have an authorized representative.
- The organization and anyone acting on its behalf must provide truthful and accurate information.
- If the organization provides inaccurate or false information, the applicant or member may need to repay any health care benefits received in error.
- If the organization intentionally violates program rules, it must repay any FoodShare benefits that were misused or received in error.

- The organization and anyone acting on its behalf must comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including 42 C.F.R. Part 431, Subpart F; 42 C.F.R. § 447.10; and 45 C.F.R. § 155.260(f), concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality of information.
- By signing this form, I am saying that I understand and agree to the statements above on behalf of the organization listed in Section 2, Part A.
- By signing this form, I am saying that the organization listed in Section 2, Part A will serve as the authorized representative for the applicant or member listed in Section 1.

Part C: Signature and Date



SIGNATURE – Organization Contact

Date Signed

SECTION 3 To Be Filled Out by Witness(es)



Name – Witness (Last, First, Middle Initial)



SIGNATURE – Witness

Date Signed

Name – Witness (Last, First, Middle Initial) (if applicant/member signed with an X)



SIGNATURE – Witness

Date Signed

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027), found online at: [How to File a Complaint](#), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

For any other information dealing with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues, persons should either contact the USDA SNAP Hotline Number at (800) 221-5689, which is also in Spanish or call the [State Information/Hotline Numbers](#) (click the link for a listing of hotline numbers by State); found online at: [SNAP Hotline](#).

To file a complaint of discrimination regarding a program receiving Federal financial assistance through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), write: HHS Director, Office for Civil Rights, Room 515-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 or call (202) 619-0403 (voice) or (800) 537-7697 (TTY).

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