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New for 2027: You May Have to Meet a Federal Medicaid Work Requirement

Due to changes made in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), starting in 2027, BadgerCare Plus members age 19 through 64 who have no children under age 19 living at home must meet a new federal Medicaid work requirement or have an exemption to keep their health care coverage. This letter tells you how these changes could affect you.

At your next renewal after March 1, 2027, you may need to show that you have an exemption or that you have met the requirement.

You do not need to take any action right now.

The work requirement does not start until 2027. We want you to know this information now so you can prepare. Keep your contact information up to date if you move so we can continue to reach you.

When the requirement starts, you may qualify for an exemption.

You do not have to meet the work requirement if you have an exemption. Some examples of exemptions are having a serious medical condition, being pregnant, or being a Tribal member. It's important to review the full list of exemptions at dhs.wi.gov/medicaid/work.htm to see if you may qualify.

If you don't have an exemption, you will need to meet the new federal Medicaid work requirement when you renew your coverage.

You will need to show that you met the work requirement **in a single month** since you were last approved for health care coverage. You will have met the work requirement if you can show:

- You did one or more of the following qualifying activities for 80 hours or more in a single month:
 - Working (including self-employment and in-kind work)
 - Volunteering

- Participating in a work program that assists with learning new skills and supporting career development
- You went to school or attended an educational program (like getting a GED or a certificate) at least half-time in a single month.
 - If you attended school less than half-time, you may be able to combine the time you were in school with time spent participating in qualifying activities to meet the requirement.
- You got at least \$580 in income in a single month.

Next Steps

If based on the information we have on file we think you need to meet the new federal Medicaid work requirement, we will send you a letter three months before you need to renew your coverage. That letter will give you more instructions on what you need to do at that time. If you are signed up to get emails or texts from us about your benefits, we will also use those methods to send reminders about meeting the work requirement.

If we send you a message about needing to meet the federal Medicaid work requirement, it is important that you follow the instructions. If you do not meet the work requirement or report an exemption, you may lose your health care coverage.

Wisconsin has several resources available to help you meet the federal Medicaid work requirement:

- Job Center of Wisconsin: wisconsinjobcenter.org
- Department of Workforce Development: dwd.wisconsin.gov/det/jobseeker.htm
- If you are enrolled in FoodShare, FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET): dhs.wisconsin.gov/FSET

Questions?

For more information on meeting the work requirement and other frequently asked questions, visit dhs.wi.gov/medicaid/work.htm. If you have questions about your benefits, call your agency. Agency information can be found at the top of this letter.