

# Keeping Kids Covered



Is your income too high to keep your BadgerCare Plus or other Medicaid benefits? Have you had other changes that affect your program membership? Even if you no longer qualify, your kids can stay covered and get the care they need for good health.

## How it Works

Children under age 19 enrolled in a qualifying program have coverage for 12 months from their last application or renewal.

For example, if your family is enrolled and does your renewal in October 2025, your kids will have benefits at least through September 2026. Their health insurance continues until then, even if your income increases or you no longer meet program rules.

## Exceptions

Continuous coverage does not apply to children:

- Enrolled under presumptive eligibility, also known as Express Enrollment.
- Required to meet a deductible to enroll in BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid.

There are a few things that can end a child's coverage during the 12-month period:

- They turn 19.
- They move out of Wisconsin.
- Their citizenship or immigration status is not verified.
- Their eligibility was based on inaccurate information or agency error.
- The family asks to end their coverage.

## Qualifying Programs

- BadgerCare Plus
- Emergency Services Medicaid
- Family Planning Only Services
- Foster Care Medicaid
- Home and Community-Based Waiver (HCBW) Medicaid
- Institutional Medicaid
- Katie Beckett Medicaid
- Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP)
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Special Status Medicaid
- SSI-Related Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicaid
- Tuberculosis-Related Medicaid
- Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid

## Get Help

- If you have questions about your child's BadgerCare Plus, contact your local agency. Find your agency's phone and address at [dhs.wi.gov/im-agency](https://dhs.wi.gov/im-agency).
- For questions about Medicaid for a child who has a disability, contact your child's program.
- Covering Wisconsin can give you free, expert help with health insurance for you and your family. Go to [WisCovered.com](https://www.wiscovered.com) or call 211 to find a local navigator.

