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SUBJECT: Disability Determinations for Family Care

CROSS REFERENCE: MEH, Chapter 29

EFFECTIVE DATE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE:

This memorandum communicates a policy change relating to enrolling individuals in Family Care who have not been determined to be disabled by the Disability Determination Bureau (DDB).

BACKGROUND:

Individuals under age 65 who are eligible for certain categories of full-benefit Medicaid that do not require a disability determination (e.g., BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, Well Woman Medicaid, etc.) are required to obtain a disability determination in order to be enrolled in the Home- and Community-Based Waivers under Group A eligibility rules. Family Care originally adopted the same policy; however, Family Care policy is now changing as described below.

POLICY CHANGE:

Effective immediately, individuals under age 65 who are:

- a) Functionally eligible for Family Care and
- b) Eligible for one of the following Medicaid/BadgerCare categories:
 - BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan
 - Well Woman Medicaid
 - Medicaid through Adoption Assistance or
 - Foster Care Medicaid

may be enrolled in Family Care without first obtaining a disability determination from DDB. The Eligibility Results page of the long-term care functional screen has been revised to indicate Family Care eligibility for individuals who meet these criteria.

This policy change affects Family Care only. Individuals must still be either age 65 or older or determined blind or disabled by DDB in order to be eligible for Home- and Community-Based Waivers.

CARES:

There are no changes to CARES associated with this policy change.

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*Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, BC+ – BadgerCare Plus, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – FoodShare Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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