

BADGERCARE PLUS BASIC PLAN – GENERAL INFORMATION

The BadgerCare Plus Basic plan is a very limited health care plan. Only individuals who are on the Core Plan Waitlist can enroll in the Basic Plan. The earliest coverage can begin is April 1, 2010, pending legislative approval (see Enrollment Dates for more information).

HOW TO ENROLL

You must be on the Core Plan Waitlist

To add your name to the Core Plan Waitlist, go to access.wi.gov, click on “Apply for Benefits”. You will need to set up a secure account that will help to keep your information private and secure. You will get a letter to confirm you have been placed on the Waitlist and information on how to enroll in the Basic Plan.

If you are already on the Waitlist

You will receive a fact sheet and a letter with a premium payment slip that allows you to enroll in the Basic Plan. You can also print a premium payment slip from ACCESS.

MONTHLY PREMIUMS/ENROLLMENT DATES

All members must pay a monthly \$130 premium, per person, to enroll in the Basic Plan. Premiums may change based on the costs of the plan. You can pay your initial premium using the premium payment slip you get in the mail, by printing a slip from ACCESS, or pay over the phone using a credit/debit card or an electronic check.

First Premium — You will have the option to pay your first premium by:

- Personal Check
- Cashiers Check
- Money Order
- Credit Card
- Debit Card
- e-Check

If you pay by mail, you must include the premium payment slip you get with your Waitlist letter.

Enrollment in the Basic Plan always starts on the 1st day of the month. Which month coverage begins depends on when you pay the first premium. If your first premium is received before 4:30 p.m. on the 15th day of the month, your enrollment will start on the first of the next month.

If your first premium is received after 4:30 p.m. the 15th day of the month, enrollment will be delayed a month.

For example: If you sign up and pay your first premium between March 1 to March 15 at 4:30 p.m., your coverage will begin April 1. If you sign up and pay your first premium after March 15 at 4:30 p.m. to March 31, your coverage will not begin until May 1.

Ongoing Monthly Premiums — Each month, members will get a premium payment slip in the mail. Your premium will be due on the 5th of each month for coverage the next month. These premiums can only be paid:

- Over the phone using your credit/debit card or bank account
- Through the mail using the premium payment slip

Late Payment/No Payment — **If you fail to pay your monthly premium by the due date, your coverage will end and you will not be able to re-enroll in the Basic Plan for 12 months.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Members enrolled in the Basic Plan:

- Will not have annual renewals.
- Will stay enrolled in this plan as long as premiums are paid and all other rules are met to remain on the Core Plan waitlist.
- Cannot request fair hearings and do not have appeal rights; however, a request can be made to the Department of Health Services to review a decision within 60 days of the adverse action.
- Will be invited to enroll in the Core Plan as funding becomes available. Members will be invited in the order in which they applied.
- Will not be required to complete a Health Survey or a physical exam.
- Will not be enrolled in an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization).

TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

The information provided is general. For more detailed information, go to:

- The Customer Help website at dhs.wi.gov/em/CustomerHelp,
- The Basic Plan web site at BadgerCarePlus.org/Basic, or
- Call Member Services at 1-800-362-3002.

COVERED SERVICES AND COST SHARE

Services that are covered under the Basic Plan may change. You should always check with your health care provider to see if the service you want is covered and what cost share you may have. The Basic Plan covers the following limited services:

- Diagnostic Services (laboratory and radiology; including mammograms)
 - Emergency dental services
 - Emergency ambulance rides
- Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS) — Limited to syringes, diabetic pens, ostomy supplies and DMS that is required with the use of a DME item.
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) — Full coverage up to \$500 per year.
- Emergency Room visits — Limited to five visits per enrollment year.
- Hospital — One inpatient hospital stay and five outpatient visits . A \$7,500 deductible will need to be met to receive additional covered hospital services.



Please Note: Inpatient psychiatric stays in an Institution for Mental Disease or psychiatric ward of an acute care hospital are not covered.

- Physician (doctors) services — Services are limited to 10 visits per enrollment year. Services include:
 - Primary and preventive care
 - Specialist
 - Surgical and medical services
 - Chronic disease management
- Prescription drugs are limited to the following:
 - Generic drugs
 - Some over-the-counter drugs
 - Preferred brand insulins
 - Tamiflu
 - Relenza



Please Note: Brand name drug discounts will be available to Basic Plan members through the BadgerRx Gold plan. If you are enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Basic Plan, you will also be enrolled in the BadgerRx Gold plan. For more information about this plan, go to badgerxgold.com or contact a Customer Care Specialist at 1-866-809-9382.

- Therapy — Services are limited to 10 visits per therapy, per enrollment year.
 - Physical
 - Occupational
 - Speech

OTHER PROGRAMS

Family Planning Waiver

Women between the ages of 19 - 44 who are enrolled in the Basic Plan may also be able to enroll in the Family Planning Waiver. This program provides certain family planning services to stop unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The Department of Health Services is seeking federal approval to expand the program to men in early 2010, need for good health. To learn more about this plan, go to dhs.wi.gov/em/CustomHelp.

FoodShare

Men and women enrolled in the Basic Plan may also be able to enroll in the FoodShare program. This program helps people with limited money buy the food they need for good health. To learn more about this program, go to dhs.wi.gov/em/CustomHelp.

Wisconsin Well Woman Program

If you are a woman, age 45-64, in addition to your BadgerCare Plus Basic program coverage, you may be eligible for the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP). The WWWP pays for mammograms and Pap tests. For more details on this program, please call (608) 266-8311 or visit dhs.wisconsin.gov/womenshealth/wwwp.

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