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During the federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the federal government allowed the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to implement temporary changes to some policies to facilitate the protection of member health. ForwardHealth Alert [014](#), "ForwardHealth Will Expand Presumptive Eligibility for Express Enrollment (Hospitals)," outlined temporary COVID-19-related presumptive eligibility (PE) policies for eligible BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members.

The federal government has announced that the COVID-19 PHE will end on May 11, 2023. **As of May 12, 2023, ForwardHealth will end PE for BadgerCare Plus via express enrollment for the following populations:**

- **Adults aged 65 and older with an income of up to 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL)**
- **Adults who are blind or disabled and who are enrolled in Medicare with an income of up to 100 percent of the FPL**

On and after May 12, any express enrollment applications submitted for the above populations through ACCESS for partners and providers will result in those members being determined ineligible for PE, unless they qualify as a parent or caretaker, pregnant person, or former foster care youth.

As of May 12, all routine operations and eligibility criteria for PE will resume. Qualified hospitals may make PE determinations for children, pregnant people, and certain adults for BadgerCare Plus as well as for individuals applying for Family Planning Only Services. The [Express Enrollment in Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus](#) service area of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook provides detailed information about the following:

- [Eligible populations](#)
- [Enrollment criteria](#)
- [Enrollment process](#)



COVID-19 Unwinding Resources

For more information regarding COVID-19 Unwinding, refer to the following resources:

- ForwardHealth Update [2023-14](#), “Important Information Regarding the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency”
- The [COVID-19: ForwardHealth News and Resources](#) page of the ForwardHealth Portal (will include all Unwinding provider communications)
- The [COVID-19 Unwinding Resources for Providers](#) page of the Portal (provider resources for assisting members through Unwinding)