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Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers With Psychiatric Specialty, Case Management Providers, Child/Adolescent Day Treatment Providers, Community Health Centers, Family Planning Clinics, HealthCheck Providers, HealthCheck "Other Services" Providers, Hospital Providers, Intensive In-Home Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Children Providers, Master's-Level Psychotherapists, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses in Independent Practice, Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinics, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Qualified Treatment Trainees, Rural Health Clinics, School-Based Services Providers, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Agencies, Substance Abuse Counselors, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

REGARDING

ForwardHealth Will End Expanded Presumptive Eligibility for Express Enrollment for Children

ForwardHealth Will End Expanded Presumptive Eligibility for Express Enrollment for Children [Alert 012](#), titled "ForwardHealth Will Expand Presumptive Eligibility for Express Enrollment," announced the expansion of presumptive eligibility (PE) for Express Enrollment. This expanded PE eligibility to all children through age 18 in households with an income of up to 306 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).

ForwardHealth will end expanded PE for children on May 6, 2020. Effective May 6, 2020, non-expanded income limits will resume for PE for Express Enrollment in BadgerCare Plus for children through age 18. Under these limits, PE is available for children with household incomes of up to 306 percent of the FPL for children up to age 1, 191 percent of the FPL for children ages 1–5, and 156 percent of the FPL for children ages 6–18. Further details about PE are available in the [Enrollment Criteria](#) topic (#888) of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

No action is required for children who have been temporarily enrolled in BadgerCare Plus through Express Enrollment based on the expanded PE originally communicated in Alert 012.

Children temporarily enrolled under expanded PE will remain enrolled until the temporary enrollment period ends on the earlier of the following, per current policy:

- The last day of the month following the month in which the PE determination was made if no application for ongoing Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus coverage is filed by that date
- The date an eligibility determination for ongoing Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus coverage is made, regardless of the outcome of the determination

The expansion of PE for BadgerCare Plus Express Enrollment to include the following populations, originally communicated in [Alert 014](#), titled “ForwardHealth Will Expand Presumptive Eligibility for Express Enrollment (Hospitals),” is **not** impacted by this Alert and will remain in effect until the end of the public health emergency for the following:

- Adults age 65 and older with an income of up to 100 percent of the FPL
- Adults who are blind or disabled and who are enrolled in Medicare with an income of up to 100 percent of the FPL