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- Chippewa
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Wisconsin Partnership Program Offers Benefits for Elderly and Disabled Recipients

The Wisconsin Partnership Program may offer alternatives to long term nursing home or hospital-based care for elderly and disabled recipients who meet the program's eligibility criteria.

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Wisconsin Partnership Program Overview

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is a managed care program jointly funded by Wisconsin Medicaid and Medicare. The program integrates health care and long term care. Health care includes primary and acute care, and long term care includes community-based services and institutional care, if needed.

Primary care physicians who would like to refer a patient for participation in the Wisconsin Partnership Program, but would still like to keep the individual as their patient, may do so by becoming a part of the Partnership provider network.

For information about becoming a part of the Partnership provider network, call the applicable Wisconsin Partnership Program site. (See the "Contacts for More Information"

section of this *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update*.)

Those who participate in the Wisconsin Partnership Program (hereafter referred to as "participants") benefit from an individualized care plan developed by their care team. The care team also coordinates the services needed by the participant.

At a minimum, the care team consists of:

- The participant.
- A primary care physician.
- A nurse practitioner.
- A registered nurse (RN).
- A social worker.

The care team may also include close friends or family members chosen by the participant.

Benefits and Eligibility Requirements

Individuals who may benefit most from enrolling in the Wisconsin Partnership Program are those with chronic health conditions who would like to live in a home environment, but cannot do so without support services.

To qualify for enrollment in the Wisconsin Partnership Program, individuals must:

- Be Medicaid recipients. (Some people become Medicaid recipients when they

enroll in the Wisconsin Partnership Program.)

- Be in need of a Medicaid-reimbursable nursing home level of care.
- Reside in one of the following Wisconsin counties: Chippewa, Dane, Dunn, Eau Claire, Milwaukee, or Racine.
- Meet program age restrictions as indicated in the Wisconsin Partnership Program Sites chart in this *Update*.

Some of the benefits of the Wisconsin Partnership Program include:

- The program manages all aspects of the participant’s health and long term care.
- The participant’s nurse practitioner, RN, or social worker (from the participant’s care team) acts as the first point of contact for the participant, 24 hours per day, seven days per week. This reduces telephone calls to the primary care or on-call physician.
- The participant’s nurse practitioner visits the primary care physician with the participant.
- The participant’s nurse practitioner or RN visits the participant at home.
- The participant’s nurse practitioner and RN work with the participant and the pharmacy to assist with medication compliance.
- Members of the participant’s care team visit the participant in the nursing home or hospital, if necessary (for example, if a participant breaks his or her hip), and coordinate discharge and post-institutional care with discharge planners.

Contacts for More Information

The following table lists the four current program sites and telephone numbers for more information.

Wisconsin Partnership Program Sites	
<p>Elder Care of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin Enrolls adults age 55 and older who reside in Dane County. (608) 240-0020</p>	<p>Community Care for the Elderly Milwaukee, Wisconsin Enrolls adults age 55 and older who reside in Milwaukee or Racine County. (414) 385-6600</p>
<p>Community Living Alliance Madison, Wisconsin Enrolls people with physical disabilities ages 18 through 64 who reside in Dane County. (608) 242-8335</p>	<p>Community Health Partnership, Inc. Eau Claire, Wisconsin Enrolls adults age 55 and older and people with physical disabilities ages 18 through 64 who reside in Eau Claire, Dunn, or Chippewa County. (715) 838-2900</p>

For general information about the Wisconsin Partnership Program, contact Project Manager Steve Landkamer by telephone at (608) 261-7811 or by e-mail at landksj@dhfs.state.wi.us.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/.

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