

To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

BadgerCare Plus HMO Expansion

BadgerCare Plus HMOs will be extending or expanding their service areas throughout the state in 2008.

Select BadgerCare Plus HMOs will be extending their service areas or increasing their enrollment limits, starting in May 2008, in the following counties:

- Columbia.
- Dane.
- Dodge.
- Grant.
- Green.
- Iowa.
- Jefferson.
- Lafayette.
- Rock.
- Sauk.

It is anticipated that HMO enrollment for BadgerCare Plus members residing in these counties will be mandatory. Mandatory enrollment in HMOs means that children and families enrolled in a BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan or Benchmark Plan are required to enroll in an HMO.

The BadgerCare Plus HMO expansion is anticipated in other regions of the state in 2008.

BadgerCare Plus requires contracted HMOs to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service. If the HMO does not contract to provide certain services, such as chiropractic or dental, the member may receive these services on a fee-for-service basis. Pharmacy benefits are reimbursed by fee-for-service for all BadgerCare Plus HMO members.

Members are allowed to receive family planning services outside the HMO's provider network. In such cases, these services are reimbursed as fee-for-service.

Providers are reminded that they should verify a member's enrollment in an HMO before providing services. Claims submitted to fee-for-service HMO covered services for members enrolled in an HMO will be denied. Providers who are interested in providing services to members enrolled in an HMO should contact the HMO directly to inquire about becoming part of their provider network.

The *BadgerCare Plus Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers. All information applies to Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus unless otherwise noted in the *Update*.

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

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