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## **THIRD-PARTY PAYMENTS OF MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR BADGERCARE PLUS CHILDLESS ADULT MEMBERS**

The policy requiring some BadgerCare Plus childless adults to pay monthly premiums will go into effect on February 1, 2020. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) understands that there may be times when a member is unable to make monthly premium payments. The BadgerCare Reform 1115 demonstration waiver allows DHS to provide a process by which third-party contributors can make a donation to DHS for the purpose of helping BadgerCare Plus childless adult members pay their monthly premiums.

Any individual, non-profit, for-profit, provider group, employer, or health plan is welcomed to make a monetary donation to the BadgerCare Plus Childless Adult Premiums Fund for distribution to childless adult members who request assistance with their monthly premiums. This distribution will occur on a first-come first-serve basis.

## **AFFECTED PROGRAMS**

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

## **TO**

All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

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DHS understands that currently certain entities make donations to pay premiums for specific members. There will be additional guidance on the rules surrounding that process in the coming weeks.

Questions about this payment process should be emailed to [DHSWisconsin1115CLAWaiver@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSWisconsin1115CLAWaiver@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

## How to Donate to the BadgerCare Plus Childless Adult Premiums Fund

To ensure the donation is allocated to the BadgerCare Plus Childless Adult Premiums Fund, submissions must include a note with the payment, either included as a separate document or noted in the “memo” line of the check, indicating that the donation is for the payment of BadgerCare Plus childless adult premiums. If a separate document or note in the memo line is not included with the donation, the donation will be applied to DHS’ general “Gifts and Grants” fund. This fund will not be used for the purpose of the BadgerCare Plus childless adult premiums.

Checks may be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and mailed to:

Wisconsin Department of Health Services  
Bureau of Fiscal Accountability and Management  
1 W Wilson St, Rm 472  
Madison WI 53707

Donations made to the BadgerCare Plus Childless Adult Premiums Fund are tax deductible. Once deposits are made, DHS will mail a letter to donors that will include all applicable tax information.

## Process for Members to Request Premium Assistance

Members enrolled as BadgerCare Plus childless adults and who owe a premium should call 888-907-4455 to request premium assistance. Members or their authorized representatives should have the following information available when making the request for premium assistance:

- The member’s full name (if different from the person making the request)
- The member’s ForwardHealth ID, Social Security number, or case number
- The member’s date of birth

As a reminder, premiums will not be applied to a member’s case until the member’s next annual renewal date.

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DHS will be sending a separate communication to members with information regarding the process to request premium assistance. DHS cannot guarantee that funds will be available to cover requests for premium assistance.

## DHS Reporting

DHS will post a publicly available report to the DHS website on a quarterly basis beginning April 1, 2020. The report will include an estimation of the number of BadgerCare Plus childless adult members who are subject to premiums, the number of members who have requested assistance, and the dollar amount of collected donations to date.

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Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Medicaid Services within the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health within DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at 800-947-9627 or visit our website at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/).