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**SUBJECT: Children Grandfathered into the BC+ Standard Plan**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 2/1/08 – 3/31/09

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memo is to explain the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan grandfathering status for children who meet certain criteria.

**BACKGROUND**

Some children were enrolled in Family Medicaid/BadgerCare or HIRSP prior to the implementation of BC+ and are now enrolled in the BC+ Benchmark Plan but have certain chronic illnesses which require brand name medication.

**POLICY CHANGE**

Children who meet the criteria below will be enrolled in the Standard Plan effective February 1, 2008. However, for some former HIRSP policyholders, the effective date will be between February 1 and April 1, 2008, depending on when their HIRSP policy ended and BadgerCare Plus began. In either case, enrollment in the Standard Plan will be for one year. This “grandfathering” policy is similar to the one in place for caretaker adults.

**TARGET GROUP CRITERIA:**

1. Children who are enrolled in the Benchmark plan and were either:
  - Enrolled in Family Medicaid/BadgerCare prior to February 1, 2008 or
  - Enrolled in HIRSP prior to April 1, 2008

AND

2. Were receiving a brand name prescription drug for a serious permanent or long-lasting mental or physical illness or condition prior to February 1, 2008 (or prior to April 1, 2008 for children enrolled in HIRSP) and there is no therapeutic generic equivalent.

Examples of a “serious permanent or long-lasting illness or condition” include Attention Deficit Disorder and Cystic Fibrosis.

**CARES and MMIS**

Local county/tribal IM agencies are not expected to take any action to enroll the child in the Standard plan. Families are not required to pay the premium for these children, however, CARES will continue to calculate a premium for them. Therefore, the following manual process will be used by central office staff to process these cases:

1. Determine if the child meets the criteria to be grandfathered into the Standard plan.
2. If so, send a manual positive notice to the family with the dates of the child’s eligibility.
3. Indicate in CARES that the child is no longer requesting BC+.
4. Run and confirm the case so there is no premium for the grandfathered child and so that the correct premium is calculated if there are other children in the household.
5. Suppress the CARES notice if child is the only eligible person in the household. Do not suppress the CARES notice if the family still owes a premium for others in the household.
6. EDS will manually enter the appropriate medical status code in MMIS. The medical status codes that will be used are ‘BC -Child Under 6 150%-200% FPL’ and ‘BG-Child 6-18 150-200% FPL’

**REFERRALS**

If an IM worker gets a phone call or complaint from a family whose children were receiving Family MA/BC or HIRSP prior to February 1, 2008 conversion and are now in the Benchmark Plan under BC+ with chronic health conditions that result in high pharmacy costs, please refer them to Member Services at 1-800-362-3002. Member Services will refer them to appropriate state staff for processing if they are eligible to be grandfathered into the Standard plan.

**CONTACTS**

BEM CARES Information & Problem Resolution Center

\*Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, BC+ – BadgerCare Plus, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – Food Stamp Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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