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**PRIORITY: HIGH**

**SUBJECT: New Badgercare Plus Medical Status Codes**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** BadgerCare Plus handbook, chapter 51.1

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2008

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Ops Memo is to inform workers in the local agencies of new medical status codes that will be assigned to members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus (BC+) along with the co-payments associated with the new codes.

**BACKGROUND**

Since BC+ was implemented February 1, 2008, the Department has determined that we need to make changes to the medical status codes for several groups of BC+ members for federal reporting purposes. In addition, the Department has had to change the funding source for the benefits of several groups which now requires changes to who is designated as having a co-payment.

The BC+ Handbook will be updated with the new medical status codes with the next release.

## Medical Status Code Changes

Below is a table with the new medical status codes along with the income changes for the existing codes.

Med Stat	Description	OLD Income (FPL)	New Income (FPL)
BA	pregnant woman	0 - 200%	0 - 100%
<b>AB</b>	<b>pregnant woman</b>		> 100 - 200%
BB	pregnant woman	>200 - 300%	>200 - 250%
<b>AA</b>	<b>pregnant woman</b>		> 250 - 300%
TP	pregnant minor, under age 19 - tribal member	>200 - 300%	>200 - 250%
<b>TB</b>	<b>pregnant minor, under age 19 - tribal member</b>		> 250 - 300%
<b>PA</b>	<b>Non-qualifying pregnant alien</b>		>250 - 300%
<b>C1</b>	<b>child &lt; age 1</b>		>150 - 200%
<b>C2</b>	<b>child &lt; age 1</b>		> 200 - 250%
BC	child, ages 1 through 5	>150 - 200%	>150 - 185%
<b>C3</b>	<b>child, ages 1 through 5</b>		>185 - 200%
<b>TK</b>	<b>child, &lt; 19, tribal member</b>		> 250 - 300%
BM	caretakers	>100 - 150%	>100 - 130%
<b>5B</b>	<b>caretakers</b>		>130 - 150%
N1	CEN - mom in SP or MA on DOB	0 - 200%	0 - 100%
<b>N4</b>	<b>CEN - mom in SP or MA on DOB</b>		>100 - 200%
<b>X8</b>	<b>earnings extension - 12 mo, child &lt; 19</b>		> 100%
<b>X9</b>	<b>child support extension - 4 mo, child &lt; 19</b>		> 100%

## New BadgerCare Plus Co-Payment Schedule

### Exempt from Co-payments

- Children under age 19 with family income up to 100% of the FPL.
- Children under age 6 with family income above 100% up to 150% of the FPL, except for Continuously Eligible Newborns.
- Children ages 1 through 5 who are Tribal members with family income from 185% to 300% of the FPL.
- Children ages 6 through 18 who are Tribal members with family income from 150% to 300% of the FPL.
- Children under age 19 eligible through Express Enrollment.
- Children under age 19 in an institution.
- Children under age 19 eligible under a BadgerCare Plus Extension
- Pregnant women, except for pregnant girls under age 19 with family incomes above 300% of the FPL.
- Pregnant women eligible through Express Enrollment.
- Pregnant women eligible for the prenatal benefit.

### Standard Plan – Nominal Co-payments

- Continuously Eligible Newborns with family incomes above 100% up to 200% of poverty.
- Children under age 6 with family income above 150% up to 200% of poverty.
- Children ages 6 through 18, with family income above 100% up to 200% of poverty.
- Children under age 19 with family income above 150% of poverty who have met a deductible.
- Parents and caretakers up to 200% of poverty.
- Parents and caretakers in BC+ Extensions.
- Youths Exiting Out-of-Home Care.
- Transitional Grandfathered parents and caretakers.

### Benchmark Plan – Co-payments

- Continuously Eligible Newborns with family incomes above 200% of the FPL.
- Children under age 19 with family incomes over 200% of the FPL.
- Pregnant women under age 19 with family incomes over 300% of the FPL.
- Self-employed parents and caretakers with family incomes above 200% of the FPL.

## **CARES**

There will be no change to the Assistance Group composition in CARES. CARES will begin to send the new medical status codes to MMIS for the July benefit month through the interface beginning June 16<sup>th</sup>. Any cases that include individuals meeting the criteria for a new or an adjusted medical status code will be selected to go through a mass change, on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

While this update will not be visible to IM workers in CARES, members may contact the local agency with questions about changes in their co-payment amounts. Members should be referred to Member Services at (800) 362-3002 with these questions.

## **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 – FoodShare 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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