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PRIORITY: HIGH					

SUBJECT: BadgerCare Plus Premium Changes

CROSS REFERENCES: BadgerCare Plus Handbook, 48.1, Ops Memo 09-06.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2009

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to communicate the decrease in the individual BadgerCare Plus (BC+) premium amounts for children with countable income between 230% and 249.99% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

BACKGROUND:

In order for Wisconsin to receive additional federal funding for the Medicaid program, we are required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 [Public Law 111-5, Section 5001(f)(1)] to roll back some of the BC+ individual premiums to the amounts that we charged back in 2008. This is only required for children with incomes from 230% to just under 250% of the FPL.

POLICY CHANGE:

For BC+ eligible children with incomes from 230% up to 239.99% of the FPL, the individual premium will change from \$16 to \$15 per month. Children with incomes from 240% up to 249.99% will have their individual premiums change from \$24 to \$23. These changes will be effective June 1, 2009.

CARES:

The premium tables in CARES will be updated to implement this change. Cases with children open for BC+ with household income between 230% and 249.99% FPL will be identified and automatically run through a batch run at Adverse Action in May to adjust their June premiums. If a worker receives alert 349 "ELIG NOT DET AT MC/AA RUN SFEX", because the case did not go through the Adverse Action batch run, the case should be run with June dates to adjust the June premium.

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*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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