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Expansion of BadgerCare Plus Moving Forward

Budget Uncertainties Lead to a 2-Week Delay

Today, the Department of Health Services announced that the expansion of BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults With No Dependent Children will still move forward as planned, but applications for the plan will be delayed until June 15th with benefits beginning no earlier than July 15, 2009.

“Even during this difficult budget environment, we are committed to keeping options open for people who need access to health care coverage,” said Secretary Karen Timberlake. “When the uninsured show up at hospitals and clinics we all pay. Providing coverage for this group of people who have often gone years without health care coverage is a key part of our efforts to reform health care.”

The BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults With No Dependent Children is a limited plan that covers basic health care services, including primary and preventive care and generic drugs to low-income, chronically uninsured adults. The Department will begin accepting applications on **June 15, 2009** and encourages people interested in applying to apply online at: www.badgercareplus.org. Once an individual has been approved, their health care benefits will begin on the next available enrollment date (always the 1st or the 15th of the month).

Individuals may wish to consider applying for the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan if they:

- Are a Wisconsin resident between the ages of 19 through 64;
- Are a U.S. Citizen or qualifying immigrant;
- Do not have dependent children, under age 19, living with them and are not pregnant;
- Have a monthly family income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (\$1,805.00 for a single person and \$2,428.33 for a married couple);
- Do not have health insurance or had access to private or employer subsidized health insurance during the previous 12 months, with a few exceptions; and
- Are not enrolled in or able to enroll in BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid or Medicare.

Funding for the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan is provided through the hospital assessment that was approved by the legislature and signed into law earlier this year.

For more information on the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults without Dependent Children, or to look at the entire list of eligibility criteria visit: www.badgercareplus.org

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