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BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare Eligibility Change for Certain Ukrainians

CROSS REFERENCE

- BadgerCare Plus Eligibility Handbook, [Section 4.3.3 Immigrants Eligible for BadgerCare Plus](#)
- Medicaid Eligibility Handbook, [Section 7.3.3 Immigrants Eligible for Medicaid](#)
- FoodShare Wisconsin Handbook, [Section 3.12.1.1 Qualified Immigrant or Immigration Status](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 24, 2024

PURPOSE

This memo announces a change to federal law which allows certain people arriving from Ukraine to be treated like refugees when determining eligibility for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare.

BACKGROUND

On April 24, 2024, President Biden signed H.R.8035 – Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024 into law. This act amended the Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022.

Certain Ukrainian parolees who are paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024, are now eligible for federal public benefits in the same manner as refugees. The previous dates of parole were between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023.

POLICY

Ukrainians and persons with no nationalities who were residing in Ukraine and subsequently paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024, are to be treated as refugees when determining their eligibility for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare.

In addition, Ukrainians and persons with no nationalities who were residing in Ukraine and subsequently paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023, are to be treated as refugees when determining their eligibility for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare if they are one of the following:

- The spouse or child of a person described above paroled between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024.
- The parent or legal guardian, or primary caregiver(s) of an unaccompanied child described above who was paroled between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024.

Individuals who are parolees from Ukraine and who applied for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare on or after October 1, 2023, are treated as follows:

- Individuals who applied on or after April 24, 2024, will have their eligibility determined under this policy.
- Individuals who applied for benefits between October 1, 2023, and April 23, 2024, are encouraged to reapply.

Refugee treatment is not limited to persons with a Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees (UHP) status. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), Systemic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) agency has indicated that Ukrainians with a paroled status will have a Class of Admission code of UHP, DT, PAR or U4U.

As refugees, they are not subject to a 5-year bar for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare. These individuals must still meet all other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria. For FoodShare, these individuals are exempt from the sponsor deeming policy.

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