

Abbreviated Public Notice

**Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Section 1115 BadgerCare Reform Waiver
Serious Mental Illness and Severe Emotional Disturbance Amendment**

Overview

The Department of Health Services (DHS) intends to submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by January 1, 2025, requesting an amendment to the BadgerCare Reform Waiver that would extend coverage for services provided to Medicaid members ages 21-64 during short-term stays in hospital-based institutions for mental diseases (IMD) primarily to treat serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, as required by 2023 Act 177.

Demonstration Population

Wisconsin Medicaid members enrolled in the following full-benefit Medicaid programs, and between the ages of 21 and 64, will be eligible for services under the waiver amendment, subject to medical necessity criteria.

- BadgerCare Plus (42 CFR § 431, 435, 457)
- Medicaid for the Elderly, Blind, or Disabled (full-benefit plans only) (42 CFR § 435, 441, 457, 460)
- Foster Care Medicaid (includes Subsidized Guardianship and Adoption Assistance) (42 CFR § 435.145(b))
- Well Woman Medicaid (42 CFR § 435.213)

The following eligibility groups will not be eligible for services under the waiver as these groups provide limited Medicaid benefits only.

- Emergency Services for Non-Qualifying Aliens (42 CFR § 435.139)
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program (1902(a)(10)(E)(i) and 1905(p) of the Social Security Act)
- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Program (1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) and 1905(p) of the Social Security Act)
- Qualifying Individual (QI) Program (1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) and 1905(p) of the Social Security Act)
- Qualified Disabled and Working Individual (QDWI) Program (1902(a)(10)(E)(ii) and 1905(s) of the Social Security Act)
- Tuberculosis-Related Medicaid (42 CFR § 435.215)
- Temporary Enrollment for Pregnant Members (42 CFR § 435.1103(a) and 42 CFR § 435.1110)
- BadgerCare Plus Prenatal Program (42 CFR § 457.10)
- SeniorCare Prescription Drug Program (1115(a) of the Social Security Act)
- Family Planning Only Services (42 CFR § 435.214)

Eligibility and Enrollment

This waiver amendment has no impact on eligibility and enrollment determinations.

Public Comment

Providing information and obtaining input from the public on changes is of high importance for the State as we prepare to submit the request. By law, you have the opportunity to review the official waiver application and to provide comments for 31 days, starting October 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2024. You may also provide comments through written or verbal statements during public hearings (see below). Public comments will be included in the waiver amendment request submitted to CMS and will be available on DHS's website at the address listed below.

Public Hearing

DHS will hold a virtual public hearing on October 9, 2024, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join online through Zoom at <https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1616731692>

Or join by phone:

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Webinar ID: 161 673 1692

Copies of Waiver Documents

Copies of waiver documents, including the full public notice, and the final waiver application, once complete, may be obtained from DHS at no charge by downloading the documents at dhs.wi.gov/medicaid/waiver-smised.htm or by contacting Nicholas Di Meo at:

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