



2024 Report Card Overview

This Report Card provides an evaluation of the quality of healthcare that Wisconsin Medicaid members received from BadgerCare Plus (BC+) and Medicaid Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs). The 2024 Report Card shows the most recent performance data available, which was collected during calendar year 2024. The 2024 HMO Report Card uses National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)¹ Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS)² measures and data submitted by HMOs.

The Report Card includes health care quality ratings for five major Areas of Care for BadgerCare Plus, and four major Areas of Care for Medicaid SSI.

Each major Area of Care consists of specific quality measures. These measures combine to determine the overall rating for each Area of Care.

- 1. Staying Healthy:** This Area of Care focuses on preventative services. It includes immunization rates for children and adolescents (BC+ only), cancer screening in adults (breast and cervical cancer), chlamydia screening, and screening for lead in children (BC+ only)
- 2. Living with Illness:** This Area of Care measures monitoring for individuals with chronic illness. The measures include controlling HbA1c levels for diabetic patients and controlling blood pressure in some patients.
- 3. Mental Health Care:** This Area of Care covers many different aspects of mental health. This includes care for alcohol and other drug dependence, follow-up care after discharge from the hospital for mental health, follow-up care after discharge from the emergency department for mental health and substance abuse, anti-depression medication management, and antipsychotic medication for individuals with schizophrenia.
- 4. Hospital and Emergency Department Readmissions:** This Area of Care looks at the rate of having to re-enter the hospital after being discharged for an inpatient stay.
- 5. Pregnancy & Birth-related Care (BC+ only):** This Area of Care monitors the care that is received by women before and after birth.

¹ National Committee for Quality Assurance (<http://www.ncqa.org>), a private, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization

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The Report Card provides a quality score out of maximum 5 stars (more stars for better performance) for each HMO for each Area of Care. This rating is the average rating across all quality measures used to evaluate the five major Areas of Care. The Overall Average score is represented in numerical form.

BadgerCare Plus HMO Ratings

BadgerCare Plus HMO	Hospital and ED Readmissions	Living with Illness	Mental Health	Pregnancy & Birth	Staying Healthy	Overall Score (out of 5)
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	3.8
Dean Health Plan	★★★★★	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	3.5
Chorus Community Health Plans	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	3.3
Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	3.3
Network Health Plan	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★	3.1
Quartz	★★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	3.1
Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield	★★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★	★★★★★	3.0
MHS Health Wisconsin	★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	3.0
Security Health Plan	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★	★★★	3.0
MercyCare Insurance Company	★★★★★	★★★	★★	★★★★★	★★★	2.9
Independent Care Health Plan	★★★★★	★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★	2.6
Group Health Cooperative of South Central	★★	★★★	★★★★★	★	★★★	2.5
Molina Healthcare	★★	★★	★★★	★★	★★★	2.4
All Wisconsin BC+ HMOs	★★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	3.0



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Medicaid SSI HMO Ratings

Medicaid SSI HMO	Hospital and ED Readmissions	Living with Illness	Mental Health	Staying Healthy	Overall Score (out of 5)
MHS Health Wisconsin	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	3.9
Network Health Plan	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	3.7
Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	3.6
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	3.4
Independent Care Health Plan	★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★	3.0
Anthem BlueCross BlueShield	★	★★★	★★★	★★★	2.7
Molina Healthcare	★★★★★	★	★★★★★	★★	2.7
Quartz*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Security Health Plan*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
All Wisconsin SSI HMOs	★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★	3.3

N/A = Not available

*Security HMO and Quartz HMO are available options for enrollment but did not have 2024 data.



Methodology

The 2024 HMO Report Card uses 19 HEDIS measures for BadgerCare Plus and 14 HEDIS measures for Medicaid SSI. Data for the Report Card came from HMOs, using audited HEDIS results. The measures are combined to make up the five Areas of Care.

Area of Care	Quality Measure	BadgerCare Plus	Medicaid SSI
Staying Healthy	Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)	Applicable	Applicable
	Childhood Immunization (CIS, Combo 3)	Applicable	N/A
	Cervical cancer screening (CCS)	Applicable	Applicable
	Chlamydia Screening in Women (CHL -Total)	Applicable	Applicable
	Colorectal Cancer Screening (Total)	Applicable	Applicable
	Adolescent immunization (IMA, Combo 2)	Applicable	N/A
	Lead screening in children (LSC)	Applicable	N/A
Living With Illness	Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR, Ages 5-64)	Applicable	Applicable
	Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes (GSD<8%)	Applicable	Applicable
	Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)	Applicable	Applicable
Mental Health Care	Anti-depressant Medication Management (AMM, Continuation)	Applicable	Applicable
	Initiation and Engagement of SUD Treatment- Engagement of SUD treatment (IET, Total ages (Total))	Applicable	Applicable
	Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH, 30 Day Follow-up Total)	Applicable	Applicable
	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence (FUA, 30 Day Follow-up, Total)	Applicable	Applicable
	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness (FUM, 30 Day Follow-up, Total)	Applicable	Applicable
	Adherence to antipsychotic medications for individuals with schizophrenia (SAA)	Applicable	Applicable
Hospital and ED Readmissions	Plan All-Cause Readmissions (PCR, Observed Total 18-64/Expected Total 18-64)	Applicable	Applicable
Pregnancy & Birth-related Care	Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Timeliness of Prenatal Care (PPC)	Applicable	N/A
	Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Postpartum Care (PPC)	Applicable	N/A



Steps for Determining Stars

DHS has chosen to use a 5-star rating method based on an extensive review of quality report cards from more than 20 states, CMS, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and other organizations.

1. **Star rating for each measure**— Each HMO received 1 to 5 stars for each quality measure in each area of care based on how well it performed compared to NCQA's Quality Compass³ - National Medicaid HEDIS percentiles (see explanation below).

# of Stars	Explanation
★★★★★ = Excellent	HMO was among the top 25 percent of all Medicaid HMOs in the nation; it performed better than 75 percent (or, 3/4th) of all Medicaid plans.
★★★★ = Very Good	HMO was among the top 33 percent of all Medicaid HMOs in the nation; it performed better than 67 percent (or, 2/3rd) of all Medicaid plans.
★★★ = Good	HMO was among the top 50 percent of all Medicaid HMOs in the nation; it performed better than 50 percent (or, half) of all Medicaid plans.
★★ = Fair	HMO was below the national average; it performed better than 33 percent (or, 1/3rd) of all Medicaid plans in the nation.
★ = Poor	HMO performed in the lowest 1/3rd of all Medicaid plans in the nation.

*National HEDIS benchmarks based on 2024 data (published in 2025) were used for HEDIS measures.

2. **Star rating for each Area of Care** – Each HMO received 0.5-5 star for each Area of Care based on the average star rating for each quality measure within that Area of Care.

From	To	Number of stars assigned to the Area of Care	Star Rating
4.75	5	5	★★★★★
4.25	4.74	4.5	★★★★★
3.75	4.24	4	★★★★
3.25	3.74	3.5	★★★★★
2.75	3.24	3	★★★
2.25	2.74	2.5	★★★
1.75	2.24	2	★★
1.25	1.74	1.5	★★
0.75	1.24	1	★
0	0.74	0.5	★

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- 1. Score for overall quality** – DHS created an overall rating for each HMO by taking the average score across all quality measures used. As star ratings for Areas of Care had already been rounded, they are not suitable for calculating an overall rating. The overall rating ranged from 1 to 5 and is presented numerically. HMOs are displayed from highest overall rating to lowest overall rating. If more than one HMO has the same overall score, the HMOs will be listed in alphabetical order.
- 2. All Wisconsin HMOs Score** – the stars for the All Wisconsin HMO rating are based on a weighted, statewide average of the individual HMO performance.
- 3. Low Denominators and Missing Data** – Following HEDIS audit policy, if the denominator for a measure is less than 30, that rate is not calculated. A rate may also have missing data, if it is not reported. These measures will be excluded from use in the HMO Report Cards for the applicable HMO. A star rating of N/A (not available) will be used for any Area of Care where low denominators or missing data have affected the ability to report a star result.