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Breaking News: BC+ Core Plan Enrollment to End Oct. 9

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Department of Health Services Secretary Karen Timberlake announced today that the state will suspend BadgerCare Plus Core Plan enrollment as of noon on Oct. 9. No new members will be enrolled in the Core Plan after this date. "The total number of applications we have received is greater than the number of slots available," Secretary Timberlake's statement said, explaining that the program must remain "budget neutral."

All applications submitted by 12:00 pm on Oct. 9 will still be processed, Secretary Timberlake said. After that, the state will create a waiting list and enroll new members as space becomes available. Individuals will not have to pay the \$60 fee to get on the waiting list.

Governor Doyle has instructed DHS to develop a low-premium coverage option for those on the waiting list, Secretary Timberlake said. DHS plans to present details to the Governor in the coming months.

We will continue to bring you information as it becomes available. DHS anticipates a large number of applications over the next few days, and anticipates long waits on the phone lines. <http://access.wisconsin.gov> remains the most effective way to apply for Core Plan.

[Click here](#) to read Secretary Timberlake's statement. For more information on the decision, including a fact sheet and an FAQ on the wait list process, visit the DHS BadgerCare Plus Core Plan [website](#).

[Click here](#) to read the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's coverage by reporter Patrick Marley.



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