

## BadgerCare Plus & Gifts

### General Rule:

Generally, a gift - or the value of a gift - is **not** counted as income for BadgerCare Plus eligibility.

A gift is something a person receives which is not repayment for goods or services. It is not something that was legally obligated to be given. It is not something the “giver” expects to get back!



The BadgerCare Plus Handbook addresses “gifts” in Chapter 16.5 “Other Income.” There are a few exceptions to the rule, where gifts **will** be counted as income, such as income from a bequest or inheritance, or income generated from property given to a trust.

<http://www.emhandbooks.wisconsin.gov/bcplus/policyfiles/3/16/16.5.htm#5>

### It's the Same Rule for Gifts of Money!

Money from another person which is a gift is **not** counted as income! Again, the money gift would need to be given without the expectation that it would be repaid and is not a loan.

**Example:** Cindy receives \$500 from her parents for Christmas. She is not expected to pay back this money, it is a gift. This \$500 is not counted as income for BadgerCare Plus.

**Example:** David receives \$100 a month from his Grandmother. It is not a loan, and he is not expected to pay her back. The \$100 is not counted as income for BadgerCare Plus eligibility.

### Questions on Gifts and Counting Income?

Call one of the Wisconsin Coverage Connections Partners or your Local Consortia! (Phone numbers on other side!)

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## Contact Information for Navigator Agencies

County	Navigator Agency	Phone:
Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, or Washburn	Northwest Wisconsin CEP, Inc.	1-888-780-4237
Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, or Vernon	Workforce Connections, Inc.	1-800-742-5627
Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, or St. Croix	Workforce Resource, Inc.	1-800-472-5522
You can also contact ABC for Health for assistance: 1-800-585-4222		

## Contact Information for Targeted County Human Service Agencies

County	Human Service Agency Consortium	Phone:
Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, or Taylor	Northern Consortium	888-794-5722
Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, or Vernon	Western Consortium	888-627-0430
Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, or Washburn	Great Rivers Consortium	888-283-0012
Crawford	Southern Consortium	888-794-5780
Juneau	Capital Consortium	888-794-5556
Live in another county? Check online for contact information of your local Human Services Agency: <a href="http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm#Counties">www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm#Counties</a>		