

BadgerCare Plus Prenatal Program

What is It?

A limited coverage program for women who are pregnant but not eligible for full BadgerCare Plus (BC+) because of reasons such as immigration status or incarceration.

Eligible Population

The applicant must meet the non-financial eligibility requirements for BC+ and not be eligible for BC+ because the applicant is an inmate of a public institution and/or a non-qualifying immigrant.

Income Eligibility

The applicant's net countable income must not exceed 306% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The applicant must also not have health insurance. *Note: eligibility must be re-determined if immigration status changes during pregnancy.*

Additional Information on the Prenatal Program

- No Social Security Number is required for those without legal status
- Cooperation with the Child Support Agency is not required for BC+ Prenatal Program
- BC+ Prenatal Program participants receive a ForwardHealth Card that can be used for emergency services after BC+ ends
- There is no Express Enrollment for BC+ Prenatal Program
- Service will only be provided fee-for-service
- Unlike BC+, BC+ Prenatal Program may be terminated with timely notice for pregnant women who fail to meet any of the eligibility requirements
- Babies born to women while they are eligible for BC+ Prenatal Program are also eligible for Continuously Eligible Newborn (CEN) coverage



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Begin Date

Eligibility begins the first day of the month in which a valid application is received. BC+ Prenatal Program coverage cannot be backdated. *Note: Pregnant, non-qualifying immigrants who are not eligible for BC+ Prenatal Program to backdate should have their eligibility determined for Emergency Services.*

End Date

Eligibility ends when the pregnancy ends. Benefits will continue through the end of the month following timely notice requirements. Pregnant non-qualifying immigrants who lose eligibility for BC+ Prenatal Program when their pregnancy ends are eligible for Emergency Services from the time they lose BC+ Prenatal Program eligibility. Pregnant, non-qualifying immigrants who are not eligible for BC+ Prenatal Program should have their eligibility determined for Emergency Services

Benefit Information

Women determined eligible for the BadgerCare Plus Prenatal Program receive a ForwardHealth card. This card can also be used to access emergency services under BadgerCare Plus Emergency Services only after BadgerCare Plus ends. BadgerCare Plus Prenatal Program and BadgerCare Plus Emergency Services members will not be enrolled in an HMO. Services will only be provided on a fee-for-service basis. Babies born to women while they are eligible for BC+ Prenatal Program are eligible for Continuously Eligible Newborn (CEN) coverage.

Advocacy Strategy

Applicants should use their “Best Efforts” to obtain the information requested, inform the ES Worker of the steps taken. The IM Worker will then use the “Best Available Information” to process the application. Getting an individual covered and getting a bill covered may involve extra steps. Individuals may be afraid to apply for BC+PP or BC+ Emergency Services for fear it will hurt their immigration status or “raise a red flag.” Receiving public benefits currently does not make someone a “public charge.” Answer all questions truthfully.