Immigrant Benefits

Dane County HealthWatch
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Immigrants

- 5 Year Ban/Waiting Period
  - Applies to Adults only with Legal Status as outlined in Program Manuals
  - No ban for children, pregnant women, EMA only applicants
  - Case head not necessarily receiving benefits on case
    - Income Deeming
Immigrants

Special Categories

• Cuban/Haitian Entrants
• Refugees
• Asylees

• Battered Aliens
• Iraqis and Afghans with Special Immigration Status
Dreamers/Deferred Action

- Individuals under age 31 who entered the US without documentation prior to age 16 and meet other immigration rules pertaining to criminal charges, schooling, military
- Will receive a work permit, SSN
- Eligible for MA/BC+ if under age 19.
- NO FS ELIGIBILITY
BadgerCare Plus Prenatal

- Pregnancy coverage for immigrants ineligible for regular BC+ based on immigration status
- 60 day extension period beyond end of pregnancy; same as any other BC+ pregnancy coverage
- Special considerations if immigrant has access/coverage to other health insurance
- Eligibility begins in month of pregnancy report; no backdating
Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA)

- Only covers medical services needed for the treatment of an emergency medical condition

- All labor and delivery services are emergency services and are covered under EMA
Who Qualifies for EMA?

- Documented immigrants who have not been in the US for at least 5 years
- Undocumented immigrants
- US CITIZENS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EMA or EMERGENCY ONLY SERVICES
Two Categories of Eligibility

BadgerCare Plus Family
- Children
- Parents/Caretakers
- Pregnant women
- YEOHCS

NO MAGS ELIGIBILITY
(single, childless adults)

EBD
- Must meet EBD requirements of age (65) or disability
- Requires MADA if not already determined disabled
Eligibility Criteria

• For EBD categorical eligibility, must verify assets
• Clients must meet all requirements for MA or BC+ eligibility with the only exception being their immigration status
• Must meet the same income limits as all MA/BC+ applicants
Important Considerations

• The IM Agency does NOT determine if an emergency exists
• Coverage is not determined by the IM agency
• We certify EMA for those eligible based upon the reported emergency period—may be extended as needed
• 1 year certifications for Dialysis patients
Dane County Human Services

- Access to interpreters who speak all languages
- Caseworkers and Support Staff who speak Spanish, Italian, Russian and Hmong
  - 27 Spanish speaking
  - 1 Italian speaking
  - 1 Russian speaking
  - 4 Hmong speaking
Resources

• Individual Clinic or Hospital Billing Departments
  • Questions about billing

• Member Services- 1-800-362-3002
  • Questions about coverage of services for those on EMA/BadgerCare Plus Prenatal