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**BEM OPERATIONS MEMO**

No: 08-54

DATE: 12/12/2008

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**PRIORITY: HIGH**

**SUBJECT: TRANSITION OF GAMP/GA/GR MEDICAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO  
THE BADGERCARE PLUS CORE PLAN FOR CHILDLESS ADULTS**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** BadgerCare Plus Handbook Chapter 44

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2009

**PURPOSE**

This memo describes the transition from General Assistance (GA)/General Relief (GR) Medical programs to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults on December 12, 2008, and this population's eligibility as "Transitional Childless Adults" (TCLA) effective January 1, 2009.

**BACKGROUND**

Effective 1/1/09, the Transitional BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults will replace the Milwaukee GA Medical Program (GAMP) and be available to those currently enrolled in other county/tribal general assistance health care programs in Wisconsin.

Individuals enrolled in the Milwaukee General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) and the other county/tribal GA/GR medical programs will automatically be enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan effective January 1, 2009. This memo provides detailed information about this transition.

## **TRANSITION PROCESS**

On December 12, 2008, an automated transition of individuals enrolled in GA/GR Medical programs to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults (BC+CLA) will occur.

DHS has requested specific data regarding individuals enrolled in all county/tribal GA/GR Medical programs. All individuals enrolled in a GA/GR Medical program whose information is received by December 12 will be automatically enrolled into the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults as TCLAs effective 1/1/09.

There will be an alternate process available to submit GA/GR Medical program enrollees' names between 12/12 and 12/26 so that they can be transitioned to the BC+ Core Plan. However, after 12/26/08, it will no longer be possible to add people to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults as TCLAs.

The BC+ Core Plan will focus on preventive care for those enrolled in the program, and will not cover services that are incurred when not enrolled in the program. For these reasons, counties/tribes may choose to continue providing GA/GR Medical services after this transition to continue to cover urgent or emergency situations.

Members will receive a CARES letter notifying them that they have been transitioned to the BC+ Core Plan and will be receiving a Forward Health card (see attachment 1). They will also receive a Badger Rx Gold Card and letter (see attachment 2).

## **POLICY**

Detailed policy can be found in the new BadgerCare Plus Handbook in Chapters BadgerCare Plus Handbook Chapter 44.

## **CARES**

### TCLA AUTOMATION IN CWW – LOCAL AGENCY VIEW

Workers in IM agencies may want to view TCLA member data in CARES . You will be able to view the eligibility information for TCLA Core Plan in CWW much like you do the eligibility information for SSI MA.

1. Find the individual using Quick Select or the Search page.
2. From the Individual Summary page Select Individual Eligibility History.
3. The Individual Eligibility History page has been updated to display TCLA information.

Individual Eligibility History

Individual : MARVIN TCLAQUICKSELECT PIN : 7101170579

**SSI-Medicard Eligibility**

Current Eligibility

SSI Name:	MARVIN TCLAQUICKSELECT	Eligibility Status:	Eligible
Citizenship:		Eligibility Start Date:	11/01/2008
Federal Living Arrangement:	Own household	Eligibility End Date:	09/30/2009

Payment Information

Federal SSI Payments:	No	State SSI Payments:	Yes
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▼ Federal SSI MA Eligibility History

**TCLA Eligibility**

Current Eligibility

Name:	MARVIN TCLAQUICKSELECT	Eligibility Status:	Open
Eligibility Start Date:	01/01/2009	Eligibility End Date:	
Physical Exam Completed?		Good Cause:	
Physical Exam Date:		Source:	
County/Tribe Residency:	MILWAUKEE COUNTY		

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This page provides you with the current TCLA eligibility status for the individual, including the start date and end date.

You can also view TCLA Eligibility information through the Query function in CWW.

1. Search for the individual in CWW.
2. Choose the case the individual is associated with.
3. Select Query from the Navigation menu.
4. Select the Confirmed Assistance Group Summary page to view the TCLA information.

Primary Person : ADULT ABWD-NOKIDS 43F PP Case: 4700458348 Status: Open Mode: Ongoing 11/13/2008

**Confirmed Assistance Group Summary**

Assistance Group	Sequence	Status	Reasons	Eligibility Begin Date	Eligibility End Date	AG Review Date
MAZ	1	DENIED	054			
CCZ	1	DENIED	054			
CTSZ	1	DENIED	054			
FS	1	OPEN		11/05/2008	10/31/2009	
WWZ	1	DENIED	054			

**SSI-Medicard Eligibility**

Name (CARES)	Name (SSI)	Eligibility Status	Eligibility Begin Date	Eligibility End Date
No data found.				

**TCLA Eligibility**

Name (CARES)	Name (TCLA)	Eligibility Status	Eligibility Begin Date	Eligibility End Date
ADULT ABWD-NOKIDS	TEST ABWD-NOKIDS	Open	01/01/2009	

This view will provide the same basic information about the person's TCLA status as the view on the Individual Eligibility History page.

TCLA AUTOMATION IN CWW – OTHER SYSTEM CHANGES**Notices**

You will be able to see TCLA notices using the Correspondence History Search Criteria and Correspondence History Search results pages.

**Medical Status Codes**

A new medical status (med stat) code "GT" will be used by interChange to identify TCLA recipients.

CASELOAD MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY**Vendor and state staff**

BC+ Core Plan enrollment and benefits for TCLA members will be managed by centralized state and vendor staff.

TCLA benefits will be closed when a TCLA member:

- Has died;
- Turned 65 (ie: eligible for Medicare);
- Is eligible for other Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus;
- Moves out of state; or
- Becomes institutionalized.

**IM Agencies**

If a TCLA member applies for or is open for another program in CARES (e.g. FoodShare), local agencies will continue to administer and process that case and those benefits as usual. If a member has questions regarding his/her TCLA benefits, please refer him/her to Member Services, 800-362-3002.

- **Note:** While these individuals are in CARES for the TCLA transition, they are separate from the CARES cases administered by IM agencies (e.g. updates to the FoodShare case will not update the TCLA information and vice versa).

**ATTACHMENTS**

- TCLA CARES Notice
- Badger Rx Gold Letter

**CONTACTS**

BEM CARES Information & Problem Resolution Center

\*Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, BC+ – BadgerCare Plus, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – FoodShare Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC – Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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