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BadgerCarePlus Core Plan for Adults with no Dependent Children



On January 1st, the Department of Human Services introduced the **BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults with no Dependent Children** as part of Wisconsin's

comprehensive health care reform. The purpose is to provide basic health services coverage to Adults who were previously unable to obtain Medicaid or Medicare. Beginning July 15, 2009, the program began accepting applications from the general public.

Unique Features

The BadgerCarePlus Core Plan benefits are not as comprehensive as those of either standard or benchmark Medicaid, but Core does contain a number of unique features:

- there is a non-refundable annual \$60.00 application fee for single and/or married applicants (fee waived to homeless applicants) and the application process

includes completion of a Health survey.

- Applications are processed centrally either through the Enrollment Services Center: 1-800 291-2002 or online at <http://www.access.wi.gov/>. Kenosha County does not process these applications.
- There is a requirement for a Comprehensive Physical Assessment during the first year of enrollment or the member will be unable to re-apply.

Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services- Core Plan

Members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus Core have very limited access to Mental Health and Substance Abuse services. "Inpatient mental health services and substance abuse treatment are not covered.... Outpatient mental health and substance abuse services are generally not covered by the plan."

Only certain services provided by Psychiatrists are covered.

This means, like the Benchmark plan, Wisconsin Medicaid will not pay for Core Plan recipients who use Crisis

Intervention, CSP, CCS or Targeted Case Management services.

Further Information- BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

For a one page Fact Sheet on BadgerCare Plus Core Plan, please see:

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/core/pdf/p-10190.pdf>

For more complete information, including a complete listing of Covered as well as Non-Covered services, please see ForwardHealth Update 2009-33 at: <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/kw/pdf/2009-33.pdf>



County's Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program receives Maximum 2 year Accreditation

Kenosha County's CCS program received the maximum recertification period of two years.

The State's review, held in April, of the CCS program for re-certification went extremely well. Mark Isaacs, of the Bureau of Quality



Assurance, was favorably impressed with both the structure and the philosophy of the program.

As mentioned in the last MA newsletter, Mark Isaacs complimented the

program on its Recovery focus, its use of Evidence Based Practices, and the extensive involvement of consumers throughout the program including the CCS Coordinating committee

Congratulations again to Jerry Theis, LCSW, CCS Service Director and to everyone who helped achieve this fine honor.

Note that there will continue to be file reviews of CCS and there is a need to continue to keep all documentation up to date especially signed 6 month Recovery Plan reviews.

Targeted Case Management(TCM) documentation reminders

TCM continues to grow. Here are the agencies now billing TCM through the county: PSG, Kenosha Human Development Services- both adults and children, KAFASI, PSN, and KAC with the Birth to 3 program.

Remember to conduct a comprehensive Assessment, a Plan of Care built on the assessment and always provide sufficient signed progress notes to warrant the amount of time being billed. Also remember TCM cannot be billed on children who live in Out of Home Placement.

A PowerPoint presentation is available for any new case managers who will be billing Medicaid. Please contact me to schedule, or to inquire on any Medicaid related issue. Also contact me if you have items you would like covered in future MA newsletters.