



# BadgerCare

BadgerCare provides free or low-cost health coverage to uninsured working families with children. You may be eligible if you meet income limits, have no health insurance, and don't have access to insurance through your or your spouse's job. Even if your employer has a health plan you could still qualify if it does not meet the state's standard. Over 114,000 people participate in BadgerCare.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Am I Eligible?

**YOU MAY** qualify for BadgerCare coverage if:

- You are a U.S. citizen or an eligible alien and you live in Wisconsin;
- You have children under age 19 living with you;
- You meet income limits. There is no asset limit;
- You are not covered by health insurance AND you don't have access to an employer's health plan where the employer pays 80% of the family premium.

### How Is Monthly Income Determined?

**BADGERCARE ELIGIBILITY** is based on your income **AFTER** subtracting certain deductions from your GROSS (pre-tax) income. These deductions depend on your circumstances, but may include some dependent care costs, work-related expenses, court-ordered child support and/or other deductions. An Economic Support Worker will help you with these calculations.

### What Are The Monthly Income Limits?

**AFTER SUBTRACTING** all allowable deductions and disregards, your household's remaining monthly NET income must be less than in the table below:

Monthly NET Income Limits Increase March 1, 2006

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly <b>NET</b> Income Limit	\$1,476	\$1,978	\$2,481	\$2,984	\$3,486	\$3,989	\$4,491	\$4,994

## BENEFITS

### What Does BadgerCare Cover?

**BADGERCARE** provides the same health care coverage as Medical Assistance. Covered services include doctor visits, immunizations, pre-natal care, hospital care, preventive care, emergency services, dental and vision services, prescription drugs, and more.

### Is There A Monthly Premium?

**IF YOUR** income is above certain limits you may have to pay a premium but it won't be more than 5% of your monthly NET income (after deductions). Most families do NOT pay a premium.

## APPLICATION

### How Do I Apply?

**CONTACT YOUR** county or tribal human or social services office, or W-2 agency or call 800-362-3002. A short, simple application is used and you can apply by phone or mail. Information is available online at [www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/index.htm](http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/index.htm). You can find out if you may be eligible by visiting the ACCESS website at [www.access.wisconsin.gov](http://www.access.wisconsin.gov).