

**FACT SHEET**  
**Wisconsin's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 07-007**

**Official Program Name:** *BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan*

**Date SPA Submitted:** August 28, 2007

**Date SPA Approved:** November 27, 2007

**Date SPA to be implemented:** February 1, 2008

**Date SPA Expires:** Not Applicable

**SUMMARY**

On August 28, 2007, the State of Wisconsin submitted a benchmark SPA to expand eligibility for pregnant women and to require those with family income between 200 percent and 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) to enroll in the BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan. The benchmark State plan option provides States with the opportunity to offer an alternative benefit package to beneficiaries without regard to comparability of services, freedom of choice, and statewideness. This will be beneficial for Medicaid beneficiaries for the following reasons:

- Allows beneficiaries to participate in mainstream health insurance;
- Provides incentives to seek preventive services; and
- Reduces inappropriate use of health care services.

**BENEFITS AND ELIGIBILITY**

- This benefit is provided for optional categorically needy pregnant women with family income between 200% and 250% FPL. The SPA will be effective February 1, 2008.
- The benefit will be provided statewide.
- Enrollment in the benchmark benefits plan will be mandatory for this expansion population.
- Wisconsin is providing Medicaid coverage through the State's largest health maintenance organization, the United Health Care Choice Plus plan, under section 1937 of the Social Security Act as added by the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA).
- The following wrap-around or additional benefits will be provided:
  - Mental health and substance abuse services consistent with the State employees' health plan; and
  - Full EPSDT benefits for pregnant women younger than age 19.
- Beneficiaries are not subject to any cost sharing obligations.
- The State will provide EPSDT services to pregnant children under age 19.
- Services in the benefits package will be furnished on a fee-for-service basis, through a primary care case management system, or through a managed care entity.
- Wisconsin will implement this benchmark plan on February 1, 2008.

Services	BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan (Medicaid State Plan)	BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan for Pregnant Women 200%-250% FPL
Drugs	Comprehensive drug benefit with coverage of generic prescription drugs, brand prescription drugs and some over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. Co-payments: \$0.50 for OTC Drugs \$1.00 for Generic Drugs \$3.00 for Prescription Drugs	Generic Only Formulary Drugs with a few generic OTC drugs) Brand Drugs are only available through the Badger Rx plan, which provides for a discount on the cost.
Physician Visits, Lab, and X-ray	Full coverage, including second opinion on elective surgery \$1.00 co-payment per visit	Full coverage
Prenatal Care/Maternity	Full coverage and prenatal care coordination for high risk pregnancies. Full coverage of preventive mental health and substance abuse counseling for pregnant women at risk of depression.	Full coverage and prenatal care coordination for high risk pregnancies. Full coverage of preventive mental health and substance abuse counseling for pregnant women at risk of depression.
Inpatient Hospital	Full coverage with a \$3 copayment per day, but capped at a total of \$75 per stay.	Full coverage (medical and psychiatric treatment)
Outpatient Hospital	Full coverage with a \$3 copayment per visit.	Full coverage
Emergency Room (ER)	Full coverage with a \$3 copayment per visit	Full coverage
Nursing Home	Full coverage	Full coverage for stays at skilled nursing homes limited to 30 days per enrollment year.
Physical Therapy (PT) , Occupational Therapy (OT) and Speech Therapy (ST)	Full coverage with a \$1 copayment for each procedure). Prior authorization is required after 35 visits per therapy discipline.	Full coverage of 20 visits per therapy discipline per enrollment year. (For cardiac rehabilitation the number of visits is increased to 36 visits).
Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	Full coverage with a sliding copayment amount (\$0.50 to \$3.00 per item) based upon the cost of the item.	Full coverage
Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS)	Full coverage with a copayment of \$0.50 per item.	Coverage of syringes, diabetic pens and DMS that is required with use of a DME item.

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Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment	Full coverage (not including room and board) with a \$1 copayment per visit.	<p>Coverage of this service is based upon coverage in the Wisconsin State Employees' Health Plan.</p> <p>Covered services include outpatient mental health, outpatient substance abuse (including narcotic treatment), Mental health day treatment for adults, substance abuse day treatment, and child/adolescent day treatment.</p> <p>Services not covered include crisis intervention, community support program (CSP), Comprehensive Community Services (CCS), outpatient services in the home and community for adults, and substance abuse residential treatment.</p> <p>Mental health services will be based on the limits under the Wisconsin State Employees' health plan. There are currently no dollar maximums for mental health services.</p> <p>Substance abuse services will be limited to the dollar limits under the Wisconsin State Employees' health plan which is a \$7,000 limit consisting of the following limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,800 outpatient treatment</li> <li>• \$2,700 transitional services</li> <li>• \$6,300 inpatient hospital</li> <li>• \$7,000 TOTAL</li> </ul> <p>There is a 30 day limit for</p>

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		inpatient hospital for both mental health and substance abuse.
Home Health	Full coverage of private duty nursing, home health care, personal care without a copayment.	Full coverage of in-home skilled nursing services, home health aide services and therapies (PT, OT, ST). Coverage is limited to 60 visits per enrollment year.
Transportation	Full coverage of emergency and non-emergency transportation to and from a Medicaid certified provider for a Medicaid covered service with a \$1 copayment per round trip.	Full coverage of emergency transportation.
Health Screenings for Children	Full coverage of HealthCheck screenings and other service for individuals under age 21 years.	Full coverage of HealthCheck screenings (but not HealthCheck other services unless coverage elsewhere in the BC+ Benchmark Plan) for individuals under age 21 years.
Dental	Full coverage of preventive, restorative and palliative services with a \$1 to \$3 copayment (varies by service provided).	50% allowable charges as defined by DHFS for preventive, diagnostic, simple restorative, periodontics, surgical extractions.
Vision	Full coverage including eye glass benefit with a \$1 to \$3 copayment (varies by service provided).	Full coverage of one eye exam every two years.
Smoking Cessation Services	Coverage in FFS based on current Medicaid benefits; incentives to HMOs to cover additional benefits	Coverage in FFS based on current Medicaid benefits; incentives to HMOs to cover additional benefits
Hospice	Full coverage	Full coverage limited to 360 days lifetime.
Reproductive Health Services	Full coverage, excluding infertility treatments, surrogate parenting and the reversal of voluntary sterilization. Birth control pills are available without a copayment.	Full coverage, excluding infertility treatments, surrogate parenting and the reversal of voluntary sterilization. Birth control pills are available.
Chiropractic Services	Full coverage with a \$1 to \$3 copayment per visit (varies by service provided).	Full coverage

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Podiatric Services	Full coverage with a \$1 to \$3 copayment per visit (varies by service provided).	Full coverage