

Programs

FoodShare (FS): Provides FoodShare to most households that meet certain financial and non-financial requirements helping low-income families and individuals to buy nutritious food.

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/FoodShare/index.htm>

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BadgerCare Plus (BC+): BadgerCare Plus is a program for children under 19 years of age and families in Wisconsin who need and want health insurance. BadgerCare Plus Core plan is a program for long-term uninsured adults ages 19 through 64 who do not have children or do not have dependent children under age 19 living with them. BadgerCare Plus Basic plan is a limited benefit health care plan for individuals on the Core Plan Wait List. For more information, visit <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/>.

Family Planning Only Services (FPOS): provides family planning services and supplies for men and women age 15 through 44 who are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The purpose of this plan is to stop unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). For more information, visit <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/fpw.htm>

Medical Assistance (MA): Wisconsin's ForwardHealth Medicaid plans for Elderly, Blind or Disabled provide health care for those who are, age 65 or older, blind or disabled, with income at or below the monthly program limit, and who are United States citizens or legal immigrants. For more information visit <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/index.htm>.

Family Care (FC): is a comprehensive and flexible long-term care service system, which strives to foster people's independence and quality of life, while recognizing the need for interdependence and support. For more information <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/LTCare/>

Wisconsin Shares—Child Care Subsidy Program: helps families with the cost of childcare while their parents are at work, work and school, and/or participating in a work program. For more information, visit <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/parents/default.htm>. *If you are an eligible parent currently participating in the Wisconsin Shares—Child Care Subsidy Program, and are in need of a Child Care Authorization Form to have an authorization sent up for payment to your provider, download a printable form below.*

Caretaker Supplement (CTS): Wisconsin Caretaker Supplement (CTS) is a cash benefit available to parents who are eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. Caretaker Supplement is not a Medicaid benefit; it pays cash only to eligible parents. For more information, visit <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/ssi/caretaker.htm>

To complete an online application for any of the programs listed above, visit <http://www.access.wisconsin.gov>.

Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP): Assists in paying heating costs for low-income households. A one-time-per-heating-season payment is issued to the fuel providers. Crisis assistance is available to persons who have already received their regular payment but have an emergency fuel need or a problem with their heating unit. For general information, visit <http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov/>.

If you would like to apply, download a printable brochure, application, and checklist here and submit the application and verification items to the Economic Support Unit:

 [Home Energy Plus Application](#)

 [Home Energy Plus Application Instructions](#)

 [Home Energy Plus Brochure](#)

 [Home Energy Plus Program Checklist](#)

 [Child Care Authorization Form](#)

 [Badgercare Plus Premium Information/Payment](#) - Make your check or money order payable to BadgerCare Plus, write your case number on the check or money order, and mail it with completed payment coupon to BC+ c/o Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Box 93187, Milwaukee WI 53293-0187