



STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of



DECISION

BCS/160091

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed August 21, 2014, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5)(a), to review a decision by the Racine County Department of Human Services in regard to Medical Assistance, a hearing was held on September 25, 2014, at Racine, Wisconsin.

There remains no issue for determination as Petitioner is receiving Medicaid benefits.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:



Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: Rhonda Kramer

Racine County Department of Human Services
1717 Taylor Ave
Racine, WI 53403-2497

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Corinne Balter
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner (CARES # ) is a resident of Racine County.
2. Petitioner's turned 65 in September 2014.
3. Effective September 1, 2014 the agency discontinued BC+, but enrolled Petitioner in the Medicaid Program.

DISCUSSION

BadgerCare Plus is a Wisconsin variant of the MA program, for non-elderly, non-disabled Wisconsin residents. The program's nonfinancial eligibility standards were broadened effective April 1, 2014, to include adults who do not have minor children in their home. Wis. Stat. § 49.45(23); 2013 Wisconsin Act 116, § 29, for effective date; *BadgerCare Plus Eligibility Handbook (BCPEH)*, § 2.1, at <http://www.emhandbooks.wisconsin.gov/bcplus/bcplus.htm> (viewed in September 2014). The gross monthly income limit for a household of 1 is \$972.50. There is no dispute that Petitioner is ineligible for BC+ because she is elderly.

Medical Assistance (MA) is a state-federal program designed to pay for medical coverage for low income persons. To qualify for MA, a person must be both nonfinancially and financially eligible. There is no dispute that the petitioner is nonfinancially eligible (*e.g.*, elderly). To be financially eligible, a person must have assets that are under the program's asset limit, and income that is under the appropriate income limit. There is no dispute that Petitioner is financially eligible. The agency correctly enrolled Petitioner in the Medical Assistance Program.

In this case when Petitioner turned 65 she became elderly. This is a term of art used in determining eligibility for the BC+ and Medical Assistance programs. Because she was in the elderly category she was ineligible for BC+, but eligible for Medical Assistance. Thus the agency discontinued BC+ and started coverage under Medical Assistance.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

There remains no issue for determination.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the Petition is dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

This is a final administrative decision. If you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law, you may request a rehearing. You may also ask for a rehearing if you have found new evidence which would change the decision. Your request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and tell why you did not have it at your first hearing. If you do not explain these things, your request will have to be denied.

To ask for a rehearing, send a written request to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875. Send a copy of your request to the other people named in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your request for a rehearing must be received no later than 20 days after the date of the decision. Late requests cannot be granted.

The process for asking for a rehearing is in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes can be found at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be served and filed with the appropriate court no more than 30 days after the date of this hearing decision (or 30 days after a denial of rehearing, if you ask for one).

For purposes of appeal to circuit court, the Respondent in this matter is the Department of Health Services. After filing the appeal with the appropriate court, it must be served on the Secretary of that Department, either personally or by certified mail. The address of the Department is: 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. A copy should also be sent to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400.

The appeal must also be served on the other "PARTIES IN INTEREST" named in this decision. The process for appeals to the Circuit Court is in Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53.

Given under my hand at the City of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, this 3rd day of October, 2014

\sCorinne Balter
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on October 3, 2014.

Racine County Department of Human Services
Division of Health Care Access and Accountability