



# BadgerCare Renewals Are Happening Now

*“Unwinding Continuous Medicaid”*

## December 2023

If you have a December BadgerCare renewal date, now is your time to act!

For most people enrolled in a BadgerCare or Medicaid program in Wisconsin, you will need to renew or reapply to keep your coverage.

The State is having several thousand people take action each month between June 2023 and May 2024.

For many people, that action step is to renew their health coverage, or reapply by a certain date.

### Best Time to Renew

The State of Wisconsin suggests there is a best time to renew and avoid a gap in coverage. People should renew in the first half of the month in which their renewal is due.

**If you have a December renewal, be sure to renew before December 18, 2023, to avoid a gap in coverage**

If your renewal is NOT in December, you do not need to take action at this time

### Why These Renewals?

For the past 3+ years, the State has not cut people from their Medicaid or BadgerCare coverage even if their eligibility changed. The continuous coverage was part of COVID relief efforts.

After a long wait, it is now time to resume the process of re-determining each individual's eligibility for Medicaid or BadgerCare. The process will take just over a year.

### How to Renew:

Contact your local Income Maintenance Agency: <https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm>

Login/create an account online: <https://access.wisconsin.gov/>

**Direct anyone with questions to contact ABC for Health for assistance: (608)261-6939**





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## Action Steps for Patients:

Move with urgency, not panic. Action steps are time sensitive:

### Step 1: Make sure your contact information is current.

Individuals can call their local human service office to update contact information, or make changes on the Access website, or smart phone app.

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- Login/create an account online: <https://access.wisconsin.gov/>
- Download the MyAccess App from the Google play or Apple store.

### Step 2: Watch the mail.

- Watch for a letter/notice from the Department of Health Services about your Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus coverage.
- The letter will include a renewal or redetermination date with instructions on next steps.

### Step 3: Say it Forward!

- Help family, friends, neighbors know a change is coming!
- Some people will renew Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus others may need to look for private insurance through a job or the Marketplace (healthcare.gov)

## How You Can Help:

- Stay informed!
- Help identify families who need assistance
- Know where the helpers are
- Encourage people to follow the action steps: Update their address & watch the mail
- Encourage urgency but not panic
- Don't make eligibility assumptions

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