



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2021-72

RESOLUTION Requesting Elimination of Badger Care Eligibility Cliff

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD			
BULTMAN			
CHOMEAU			
COUNARD			
D. ENGLEBERT			
R. ENGLEBERT			
ENIGL			
FISHER			
GAUGER			
GUNNLAUGSSON			
HEIM PETER			
KOHOUT			
LIENAU			
LUNDAHL			
NORTON			
ROBILLARD			
RUSNAK			
THAYSE			
VIRLEE			
VOGEL			
District 9			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Two Thirds of the Entire Membership Majority Vote of a quorum

Motion to Approve: Adopted

1st Lundahl Defeated

2nd Rusnak

Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal implication with the adoption of this resolution. STW

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 21st day of September, 2021 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau
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County Clerk, Door County

1 **WHEREAS**, in addition to Medicaid, Wisconsin also administers Badger Care Plus a similar
2 program for groups of people who need healthcare coverage but who may not qualify for Medicaid
3 or who need different kinds of services. BadgerCare Plus is also sometimes informally referred to
4 as just Badger Care; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, those individuals who do qualify for Badger Care or Badger Care Plus face a
7 benefits cliff, defined as, "A benefits cliff occurs, when a public support program is designed in such
8 a way that, at a certain level of income, a small increase in earnings can result in a significant loss
9 ineligibility for benefits." Source; *Over the Edge: An Analysis of the Implications of Benefit Cliffs*
10 *Within Wisconsin Public Benefit Programs, Workshop in Public Affairs, Spring 2020, Robert M.*
11 *LaFollette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison); and*

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13 **WHEREAS**, this benefit cliff, in some instances, becomes a barrier for individuals seeking
14 employment, or seeking better employment; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, allowing individuals to work productively without harming their health benefits, not
17 only reduces the cost of a benefit program but also simultaneously, improves the overall economic
18 activity of a region; and

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20 **WHEREAS** the drafting of the Resolution has the support of State Representative Joel Kitchens
21 and Door County Health and Human Services Director Joseph Krebsbach.

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23 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Health and Human Services Board on
24 September 13, 2021; and.

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Door County Board of Supervisors does hereby
27 request, with passage of their resolution, that the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Tony
28 Evers work cooperatively to eliminate the aforementioned benefit cliff; and

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this benefit cliff be eliminated based in a proportionate sliding
31 fee scales that as, individuals and families, earn additional dollars there is a corresponding, but
32 smaller, contribution amount toward their health insurance coverage

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be included and forward to the Wisconsin
35 Counties Association, 2021 Annual Convention for consideration: and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be distributed to our local State
38 Representatives, Governor Evers, and other Wisconsin Counties for their local consideration; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that publication of this Resolution may occur through posting in
41 accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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SUBMITTED BY: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Megan Lundahl Megan Lundahl, Chairperson
V Chomeau Vinni Chomeau
Susan Kohout Susan Kohout

Nissa Norton Nissa Norton
Morgan Rusnak Morgan Rusnak

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