

Resolution 14-22

Elimination of the Badger Care Eligibility Cliff

WHEREAS, in addition to Medicaid, the State of Wisconsin also administers Badger Care Plus (Badger Care), a similar program for groups of people who need healthcare coverage but may not qualify for Medicaid or need different kinds of services; and

WHEREAS, those individuals who go beyond qualifying for Badger Care Plus face a benefits cliff, which can occur when a public support program is designed in such a way that at a certain level of income, a small increase in earnings can result in significant ineligibility for benefits; and

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

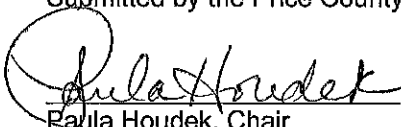

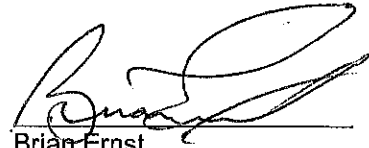
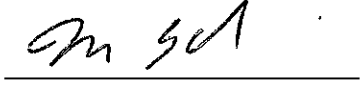
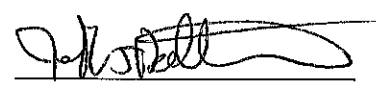
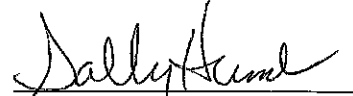
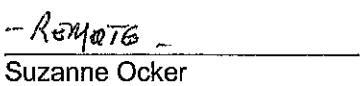

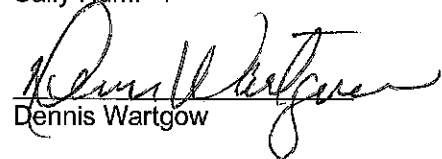
WHEREAS, allowing individuals to work productively without harming their health benefits, not only reduces the cost of a benefit program, but also simultaneously improves the overall economic activity of a region.

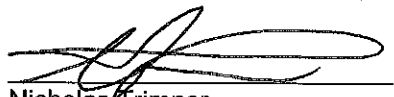
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Tony Evers work cooperatively to eliminate the Badger Care Plus benefit cliff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Badger Care Plus benefit cliff be eliminated with a proportionate sliding fee scale, that as individuals and families earn additional dollars, there is a corresponding but smaller contribution amount toward their health insurance coverage.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Evers, federal and state legislative representatives for Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and other Wisconsin Counties.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board:

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Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of March 2022.

 Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair	 Jean Gottwald, County Clerk
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