

# Helpful Programs in Milwaukee County

## BadgerCare+ (Health Insurance)\*

Health insurance coverage for:

- All children (birth to age 19) regardless of income
- Pregnant women with family income up to Category G (see table)
- Parents and relatives who care for a child with family income up to Category E
- Parents whose children are in foster care with family income up to Category E
- Farmers and self-employed parents with family income (minus depreciation) up to Category E
- Young adults (ages 18-20) who are leaving foster care regardless of income

Contact the Milwaukee County Department of Human Services at: (414) 289-6000 or (414) 649-3080 or apply at: [access.wi.gov](http://access.wi.gov).

## BadgerCare+ Express Enrollment\*

Children younger than age 1 who have a family income up to Category F, children 1 through 5 up to Category D, children 6 through 18 up to Category C, and pregnant women up to Category G can get immediate, short-term coverage. To get longer-term coverage, a full application must be completed.

Visit [www.badgercareplus.org/gethelp.htm](http://www.badgercareplus.org/gethelp.htm) for a list of providers who may be able to help you.

## BadgerCare+ Core Plan for Childless Adults\*

Provides coverage for adults ages 19-64 who do not have dependent children under age 19. Family income may be up to Category E. Applicants will be charged a non-refundable application fee.

Call: (800) 291-2002 or apply at: [access.wi.gov](http://access.wi.gov).

**\*NOTE:** All BadgerCare+ programs are for U.S. citizens or lawfully present immigrants. Access to other health insurance may impact eligibility. There may be deductibles, premiums and copayments.

## Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance

Pays a portion of household energy bills. You may qualify with family income up to Category C, effective for the 2010-2011 heating season.

Contact Social Development Commission at: (414) 906-2800.

## FoodShare (Food Stamps)

Provides a debit card called the QUEST card. You can use this at grocery stores to buy healthy food. FoodShare helps people of all ages who have low incomes. You may qualify for FoodShare with family income up to Category B.

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## WIC

Women, Infants and Children Program provides healthy food and referrals to health care. This program is for pregnant women and new mothers. This program is also for infants and children up to age 5. You and your children may qualify with family income up to Category D.

Contact the City of Milwaukee Health Department at: (414) 286-8813 or (414) 286-8620.

## Wisconsin Shares (Childcare)

Pays for some childcare costs for families with limited incomes. You may qualify if you have a child under 13 or a child with special needs under 18. You need to be either working, in school or in job training. Your family income may be up to Category D.

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## Wisconsin Works (W-2)

This is a cash assistance program for people who have children under age 19 living in the home and for people who have lost their job but do not qualify for Unemployment Insurance. You may qualify with family income up to Category A.

Contact the MAXIMUS W-2 Wisconsin Works at: (414) 607-0477 or (414) 760-6060.

## Free/Low Cost School Meals

Provides free or low cost meals at school. Your children may qualify for free meals with family income up to Category B. Children may qualify for reduced meals with family income up to Category D.

Contact your local School District office.

## Monthly Family Income Levels

These numbers are for 2010. They will go up in 2011.

Group Size	Category A 115% FPL**	Category B 130% FPL**	Category C 150% FPL**	Category D 185% FPL**	Category E 200% FPL**	Category F 250% FPL**	Category G 300% FPL**
1	\$1,038	\$1,173	\$1,354	\$1,670	\$1,805	\$2,256	\$2,708
2	\$1,396	\$1,578	\$1,821	\$2,246	\$2,428	\$3,035	\$3,643
3	\$1,755	\$1,984	\$2,289	\$2,823	\$3,052	\$3,815	\$4,578
4	\$2,113	\$2,389	\$2,756	\$3,399	\$3,675	\$4,594	\$5,513
5	\$2,472	\$2,794	\$3,224	\$3,976	\$4,298	\$5,373	\$6,448

For each additional person add:

\$359	\$406	\$468	\$577	\$623	\$779	\$935
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\*\*FPL = Federal Poverty Level. This level is determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Federal Poverty Levels for all family sizes can be found at: [dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/fpl/fpl.htm](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/fpl/fpl.htm).