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New Low-Cost Coverage Options for the Self-Employed, Including Farmers

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The recently adopted state budget significantly expands affordable coverage available to children and **some adults** under Medicaid and BadgerCare.

The newly expanded program called *BadgerCare Plus* began on February 1, 2008. The new program is not only for children under the age of 19, but will also now cover some parents that previously did not qualify for BadgerCare. Coverage is now available to more parents who are self-employed, including some farmers. Farmers and self-employed HIRSP policyholders who are parents with dependent children under the age of 19 or who are pregnant, regardless of their income, should apply for *BadgerCare Plus*.

Please keep in mind that if you are eligible for coverage under *BadgerCare Plus*, under Wisconsin state law, you will no longer be eligible for HIRSP. If you are eligible for *BadgerCare Plus*, you cannot remain on HIRSP. However, if you lose *BadgerCare Plus* coverage and meet HIRSP eligibility criteria, you can return to HIRSP within 45 days of losing *BadgerCare Plus* without serving a waiting period for coverage.

To determine if you are eligible for *BadgerCare Plus*, you can apply online at <https://access.wisconsin.gov/>, by telephone, through the mail or in person. For more information on *BadgerCare Plus* or where to apply, go to www.BadgerCarePlus.org or call 1-800-362-3002.