**Operations Memo 22-13**

**BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare Eligibility Change for Certain Ukrainians**

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Policy:

Ukrainian parolees became eligible for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare to the same extent as refugees. This eligibility was granted to Ukrainians (and others who last habitually resided in Ukraine), who:

* Have been paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023,

Or

* Have been paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023, and who are:
  + The spouse or child of a Ukrainian paroled during the initial period.
  + The parent or legal guardian of an unaccompanied Ukrainian child who was paroled during the initial period

The SAVE agency has indicated that Ukrainians with a paroled status will have a Class of Admission code of: UHP, DT, PAR or U4U.

Like refugees, Ukrainians with a parolee status may be eligible for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and FoodShare, and are not subject to a 5-year bar. These individuals must still meet all other eligibility criteria. For FoodShare, these individuals are exempt from the sponsor deeming policy.

Prior to this law being passed, the USCIS started granting Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Ukrainians in the U.S. Persons with a TPS status are lawfully present in the U.S. but are not eligible for FoodShare. They may be eligible for BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid and not subject to the 5-year bar, but only if they are pregnant, a child under the age of 19, or a youth under the age of 21 residing in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD)

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