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Good Morning,

On August 6, 2021, BWF is sending a one-time mailing to all W-2 participants notifying them the W-2 state lifetime limit will be decreasing from 60 to 48 months beginning November 1, 2021. Ongoing participants enrolled prior to November 1, 2021 may have until September 1, 2022 before their lifetime limit changes.

Starting in November, participants who leave and come back to W-2 will have a 48-month lifetime limit when they reapply. Please encourage participants who are near 48 months used to stay enrolled in W-2 during the transition period from November 2021 until September 2022 if their family needs W-2 cash assistance.

For ongoing participants with 42 to 54 months used, the month of November 2021 should be used to schedule extension discussion meetings. Extension determinations for ongoing participants may begin December 1, 2021 and W-2 agencies will have through April 2022 to complete these meetings. Completing extension discussions by April 2022 will provide participants who were denied an extension sufficient notice prior to case closure on September 1, 2022.

Please see the table below for an overview of the state lifetime limit transition period:

48-Month Transition Period Overview	
November 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All individuals who apply or reapply to W-2 are subject to 48-month state time limit.• Ongoing participants remain subject to 60-month time limit until September 1, 2022.• November to schedule extension discussion meetings between December 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022.
December 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 48-month extension determinations may begin.
April 30, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All extension discussion meetings with participants should be completed to provide participants denied an extension sufficient notice prior to case closure.
September 1, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full implementation of 48-month state time limit.• All ongoing cases with 48 or more months used and no extension in place will be disenrolled from W-2.

If you have any questions regarding policies, please contact the W-2 Policy Mailbox at DCFW2PolicyQuestions@wisconsin.gov or the Help Desk at BWFworkprogramsHD@wisconsin.gov as appropriate.

For contract questions, please contact Linda Richardson at Linda1.Richardson@wisconsin.gov. Your regional staff are also available for questions.

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