TO: W-2 Agencies

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SUBJECT: Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Policy and CWW

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CROSS REFERENCE: W-2 Policy Manual Section 2.11

Joint Operations Memo 21-J1

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to clarify Wisconsin Works (W-2) policy regarding participants in a Residential Substance Use Disorder (RSUD) Treatment program and explain how this policy is supported in CARES Worker Web (CWW).

BACKGROUND

On January 19, 2021, <u>Joint Operations Memo 21-J1</u> announced eligibility changes for full-benefit Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members, and FoodShare participants receiving RSUD treatment. CWW automation was updated to support the new full-benefit Medicaid, Badgercare Plus, and FoodShare policy effective December 11, 2021.

A section is being added to the W-2 Policy Manual to clarify policy for participants in a RSUD treatment program.

POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

None

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UPDATED POLICY

2.11 Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment states that participants who are receiving RSUD treatment may remain eligible for W-2 if they are able to participate in activities and retain care and control of their children.

See W-2 Policy Manual Chapter 2.11

CWW

To maintain W-2 eligibility when the primary person is in living arrangement 23 - COMM BASED RES FAC(CBRF), the Financial and Employment Planner (FEP) must update the Legal Custody field on the Household Relationships page to Yes.

The new Residential SUD Information Details question in the Living Arrangement Information section of the Current Demographics page is not relevant for FEPs and therefore is greyed out and disabled.





TRAINING

There is no impact on training.

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REPORTS

There is no impact on reports.

AGENCY ACTION

W-2 agencies must familiarize staff with the policy and update any relevant local agency procedures.

ATTACHMENTS

W-2 Policy Manual Chapter 2.11

CONTACTS

For W-2 and Emergency Assistance Policy Questions: <u>BWF Policy Question SharePoint</u>

For W-2, CARES and WWP functionality questions: BWF Work Programs Help Desk BWFworkprogramsHD@wisconsin.gov

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