

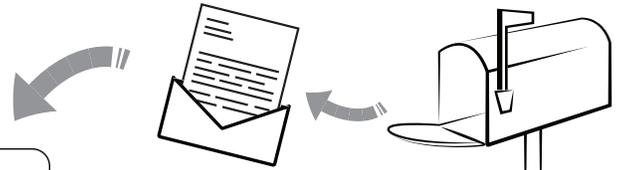
How to Start Using Health Care



BadgerCare Plus

1. You will get a **letter** and a **ForwardHealth ID card**.

Use this card at the doctor's office, pharmacy, dentist, eye doctor, clinic, urgent care, or hospital.



! If you **DO NOT** get your card in 30 days, or need a new card, call: **800-362-3002**

2. Choose your **HMO** - This is your **insurance company**.

- A. Look at the **letter** from BadgerCare Plus to see what HMOs you can pick.



- B. Think about what clinic is **near your work or home**.



- C. Ask a doctor you like what HMO they accept for BadgerCare Plus.



- D. Call the HMO Enrollment Broker to pick your HMO or mail in your choice on the sheet that came with the letter.

HMO Enrollment Broker

Open from:

7am to 6pm

Monday - Friday

at **800-291-2002**



! If you do not choose an HMO by the deadline in the letter, one will be picked for you. You can change your HMO during the first 3 months by calling, 800-291-2002.



Use the doctors, clinics, and hospitals that are in this group.

! If you need health care before you choose your HMO, you can see any doctor that accepts BadgerCare Plus.



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3. Choose your **primary care provider** (PCP):

Look at the list to the right for examples.

A. Call your HMO and tell them you need a **primary care provider**. 

B. Think about clinics **near your work or home**.



--OR-- Visit your HMO's website to find a provider who is accepting new BadgerCare Plus patients.



A **primary care provider** is the doctor, nurse, or health care professional you see for routine care.

Types of Providers:



Providers for Adults:

Internal Medicine Doctor
Family Practice Doctor
Nurse Practitioner
Physicians Assistant



Providers for Kids:

Pediatrician
Family Practice Doctor
Nurse Practitioner
Physicians Assistant

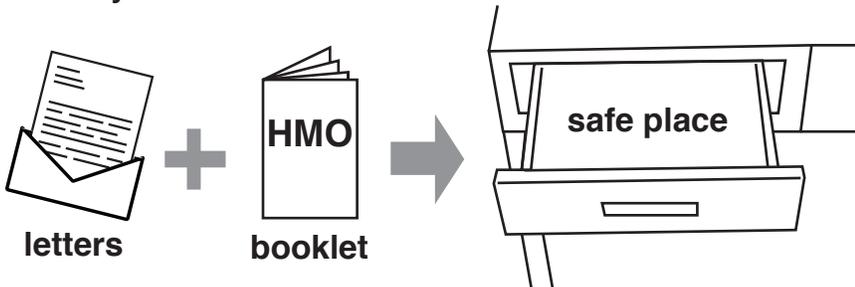


Providers for Women:

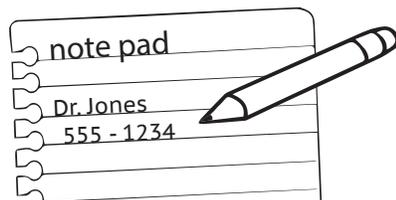
Obstetrician / Gynecologist (OB-GYN)
Certified Nurse Midwife

4. Read and keep your HMO booklet:

A. Read the **booklet** your HMO sends in the **mail**. Store all materials in a place where you can easily find them.



B. Write down the **names and phone numbers** of all the providers for everyone in your family.



5. Call your primary care provider and schedule an appointment for your yearly check-up!

Appointments for yearly check-ups will likely be in 3-6 months, so plan ahead.

