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## Governor Doyle Launches BadgerCare Plus

### *New Plan to Cover All Kids to Begin February 1, 2008*

MILWAUKEE - Governor Jim Doyle today met with doctors, nurses and community members to discuss *BadgerCare Plus*, which will allow every Wisconsin family, regardless of income, to buy affordable, comprehensive health care coverage for their kids. Families can begin signing up for *BadgerCare Plus* on February 1, 2008 by visiting [www.BadgerCarePlus.org](http://www.BadgerCarePlus.org). More information is available by calling 1-800-362-3002.

"BadgerCare Plus makes quality, affordable health care achievable. It seizes the opportunity before us, and fulfills the moral responsibility we have to the children and families of this state," Governor Doyle said. "Health care in Wisconsin should be a birthright, not a ticket to bankruptcy. *BadgerCare Plus* is simple and will provide health care coverage that our children deserve at a price families can afford. This is a historic moment in Wisconsin history."

*BadgerCare Plus* offers health coverage to every child in Wisconsin by streamlining Medicaid, BadgerCare and Healthy Start into one comprehensive program. Low income families will be able to enroll their children into *BadgerCare Plus* at no charge. Higher earning families will be able to buy into the program for as little as \$10 a month.

A family of four making \$63,600 a year could enroll each child in *BadgerCare Plus* for as little as \$90.74.

Annual Household Income	<i>BadgerCare Plus</i> Premium
\$42,400 - \$48,759	\$10
\$48,760 - \$50,879	\$15
\$50,880 - \$52,999	\$23
\$53,000 - \$55,119	\$31
\$55,120 - \$57,239	\$41
\$57,240 - \$59,359	\$52
\$59,360 - \$61,479	\$63
\$61,480 - \$63,599	\$76
>= \$63,600	\$90.74

To learn more about *BadgerCare Plus* visit: [www.BadgerCarePlus.org](http://www.BadgerCarePlus.org).

Governor Doyle joined the community today at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.