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**DATE:** January 27, 2003  
**TO:** Group Insurance Board  
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**SUBJECT:** Participation in the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program and Income Continuation Insurance Plan

**This memo is for the Board's information only. No action is required.**

Annually, staff provides the Board with an update of local government employers that have either joined or terminated participation in the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program and the Income Continuation Insurance Plan during the prior calendar year.

It is worth noting that eleven employers have already passed resolutions to join the group health insurance program in 2003, including Dodge County with 756 participating employees and Marquette county with 132 participating employees. We believe that the increased interest in the health program is due, at least partly, to the double-digit premium increases that many employers have faced recently.

Four employers terminated participation in the health insurance program effective December 31, 2002: City of Alma, City of Whitehall, Village of Gays Mills and Village of Pleasant Prairie. The Villages of Gays Mills and Pleasant Prairie had all employees cancel their coverage voluntarily and coverage was terminated pursuant to section 3.2 of the contract.

The following table provides a summary of the types of the employers in the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program and the Income Continuation Insurance Plan as of December 31, 2002.

Category	Group Health Insurance Program	Income Continuation Insurance plan
New Employers in CY2002	37	11
New Employees in CY2002	582	136
Employers terminating in CY2002	4	0
# of participating cities	62	35
# of participating villages	83	40
# of participating school districts	2	0
# of participating special districts	74	46
# of participating towns	59	11
# of participating counties	7	6
Total Employers	287	138
Total Employees	11376	5469

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