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**CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 17, 2004

**TO:** Group Insurance Board

**FROM:** Tom Korpady, Administrator  
 Division of Insurance Services

**SUBJECT:** Board Correspondence Summary

The Group Insurance Board (Board) requested that the Department provide a summary of issues raised by participants in letters addressed to the Board that the Department responds to on the Board's behalf. The following table is a summary of correspondence received by the Department since the last Board meeting (as of April 20, 2004).

Issue	# of Letters on Issue	Department Response
30-day supply of prescription drugs	2	Discussed mail order service for two copayments; stressed importance of savings with 30 day versus 90-day supply that eliminates waste if switching prescriptions or dosages frequently
Level 3 drug usage and cost/time of physician and employee to try alternatives	1	Discussed cost savings of employee if able to use Level 1 or 2 drugs; explained procedures for grandfathering drugs and provided contact at Navitus
Increased cost of Standard Plan is unaffordable; family versus single coverage issue-why not a couple rate?	1	Explained conversion of Standard Plan and Standard Plan II to a preferred provider plan model to make it more cost effective; explained that health care costs for couples are similar to costs for families of three or more
Dissatisfaction with SMP benefits (not fair compared to others receiving Uniform Benefits); dental and eye coverage discrepancies	1	Explained SMP coverage in counties with no HMO; discussed conversion of SMP to Uniform Benefits if approved by GIB at August 2004 meeting; explained dental coverage is not included in Uniform Benefits but that eye care is available for illness and injury

Reviewed and approved by Tom Korpady, Division of Insurance Services.	
Signature	Date

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