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***CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM***

**DATE:** January 19, 2005

**TO:** Group Insurance Board

**FROM:** Joan Steele, Manager, Alternate Health Plans, Division of Insurance Services  
 Audrey Koehn, Director, Disability Programs Bureau, Division of Insurance Services

**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 (WPEG) Insurance Program and the Income Continuation Insurance (ICI) plan during the prior calendar year.

It is worth noting that fifteen employers have already passed resolutions to join the WPEG plan in 2005. We believe the increased interest in the health program is due, at least partly, to the availability of a deductible option at a reduced premium, as eight of those employers elected the deductible option. In addition, eight employers that are currently participating in the WPEG plan have filed resolutions to switch to the deductible option effective in 2005.

Five employers terminated participation in the WPEG plan effective in 2004: Barron Co. Housing Authority, Green Bay/Brown Co. Pro Football Stadium, City of Monona, City of Mosinee, and North Shore Fire Department. In addition, the City of Nekoosa and Villages of Port Edwards and Whiting had all employees cancel their coverage voluntarily and coverage was terminated pursuant to section 3.2 of the contract.

The local ICI plan continues to see moderate growth. The largest local employer joining into the ICI plan for 2004 was Oneida County with 235 employees.

The table below provides a summary of the types of the employers in the WPEG plan and the local ICI plan as of December 31, 2004.

Category	WPEG Plan	ICI Plan
New Employers in CY2004	22	12
New Employees in CY2004	362	365
Employers terminating in CY2004	8	0
# of participating cities	65	38
# of participating villages	87	47
# of participating school districts	3	0
# of participating special districts	82	53
# of participating towns	63	13
# of participating counties	10	7
Total Employers	310	158
Total Active Employees	11,484	6,562

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

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