



# Employer *Bulletin*

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## It's Your Choice 2019 Preview Information

This bulletin provides important information about 2019 insurance rates, as well as updates for the 2019 plan year.

### Rates

State employers: Rates will be approved at the Group Insurance Board (Board) meeting on August 22. The Department of Personnel Management will then determine the state employee contribution rates. Once available, they will be posted on the ETF website and shared via ETF E-mail Updates: Employer What's New.

Local employers: The Wisconsin Public Employer's Group Health Insurance premium rates will be available shortly after the August 22 Group Insurance Board (Board) meeting. Once available, they will be posted on the ETF website and shared via ETF E-mail Updates: Employer What's New.

For information on calculating the local employer contribution of the health insurance premium, please see the video: [Employer Contribution Towards Health Insurance Premiums](#)

### Service Area Changes

State employers: No counties are anticipated to require State Maintenance Plan (SMP) coverage at this time. Confirmation will be provided after the August 22 Board meeting.

Local employers: ETF is still working on the final valuation of which counties will have SMP. This information will be available after the August 22 Board meeting. This information will be communicated to employers with the premium rates.

### Health Plan Name Changes

Minimal health plan name changes are effective as of January 1, 2019. These are the updated plan names you will see in the 2019 It's Your Choice materials you will receive prior to open enrollment. These name changes better represent the areas these health plans are available in.

Current Health Plan Name	Updated name as of January 1, 2019
WEA Trust - Northwest Chippewa Valley	WEA Trust West - Chippewa Valley
WEA Trust - Northwest Mayo Clinic Health System	WEA Trust West - Mayo Clinic Health System

### **New Health Plan**

Pending GIB approval, Robin with HealthPartners will be a new health plan for 2019 in northeastern Wisconsin. This new health plan option will cover the following counties: Brown, Calumet, Florence, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

Robin with HealthPartners features, but is not limited to, the following providers: Bellin Health, ThedaCare, Aurora Health Care, BayCare Clinic and Holy Family Memorial.

### **Vision Service Plan (VSP) - State Employers**

In a previous bulletin regarding the supplemental plans, there was a chart displaying the 2019 monthly premium for the Vision Service Plan (VSP). The chart referred to VSP as "VSP Choice." These are the same plan and employers do not need to do any additional programming for another plan code.

### **It's Your Choice Employer Kickoff**

Reminder! This year's It's Your Choice Employer Kickoff is on September 19, 2018. It will be held at the Alliant Energy Center of Dane County located at 1919 Exhibition Hall B, Madison, WI 53713.

State Employer Kickoff: 9:00 a.m. to noon

Local Employer Kickoff: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Registration is not required for in-person attendees. Stay tuned for the next It's Your Choice Employer bulletin which will include the Board's major changes as well as the login information for employers who wish to view the employer kickoff remotely.

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