



Employer *Bulletin*

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New! Group Health Insurance Application/Change Form

The Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) made significant changes to the following forms:

- *Group Health Insurance Application* (ET-2301)
- *Health Insurance Information Change form* (ET-2329).

These forms have now been combined into one single-ply form to create the *Group Health Insurance Application/Change Form* (ET-2301).

Your employees can use this single-ply form for their initial enrollment, as well as for changes that occur throughout the year, such as: Dual-Choice changes, adding or deleting a dependent from existing family coverage, moving from a service area, changing from family to single coverage, etc. This form is also available on ETF's Internet site as a PDF fillable form.

Note: The *Health Insurance Information Change form* (ET-2329) will eventually be phased out. In the meantime, you may use your current supply of the ET-2329 and the ET-2301. We recommend *Group Health Insurance Applications* with revision dates prior to 7/2005 be destroyed. ETF will notify you when older versions will no longer be accepted.

You are encouraged to print the form from ETF's Internet site at <http://etf.wi.gov>, or you can follow the instructions at the end of this *Bulletin* if you wish to order the revised ET-2301.

Highlights of the changes to the new ET-2301 include:

- Single-ply, two-sided form.
- Now available on ETF's Internet site as a PDF fillable form.
- The redesigned instruction page provides directions for each section of the application with "Terms and Conditions" on the reverse side of the instruction page.
- Section 3, "Enrollment Information," now has a field for a 10-digit National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. (This is a 10-digit number that corresponds with a selected health plan provider. If not provided in the provider directory published by the health plan selected, the field should be left blank.)

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- Section 4, "Additional Information," has questions for additional dependent information that previously was not collected, but is now needed.
- The new form must be copied and distributed as indicated on the bottom of page two. Employers must continue to provide advanced copies to ETF and the carrier. In addition, an ETF Coverage Report copy, Employee copy, and Employer copy must be made.

If you do not print your own supply of forms, you may request the forms by one of the following methods:

1. Use the online order form through our Internet site at <http://etf.wi.gov>. Please enter all requested information, especially your Employer Identification Number (EIN).
2. Contact ETF's Supply and Mail Services at (608) 266-3302.

WPE Group Health Insurance Training via Webcast

ETF completed the first Wisconsin Public Employer (WPE) Group Health Insurance employer training in the Madison area during 2007. We are pleased to provide you with the following resources, generated as a result of the training, to help in your administration of the WPE program:

1. **Webcasts (online recordings) of the group health insurance training sessions.** You'll find the three-part series under the Video Library menu on ETF Internet site, <http://etf.wi.gov> or go directly to <http://etf.wi.gov/webcasts.htm>.

Topics covered in the series are as follows:

Part 1 – Enrollments, Due Dates and Effective Dates

Part 2 – Loss of Coverage, Continuation/Conversion and Employee Retirement

Part 3 – Forms and Monthly Reporting

Webcast Technical Requirements
<p>The minimum technical requirements to view these presentations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A computer with 16+ MB RAM and a sound card, a Web browser such as Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape, and streaming player software such as Windows Media Player 9.0.• Internet connection: Dial-up modems need to be a minimum of 56 kbps. If you have DSL or Cable (broadband) connections, you should encounter no problems. <p>Note: If you have a slower dial-up connection, or would like a copy, you can request a CD by contacting Mary Pierick at (608) 266-0133.</p>

2. **Slides used during each training session.** These slides are in Adobe Acrobat format for easier access and printing. To download the slides: While viewing the online recording itself, click on the "Link" button below the video window and then click on "Printable Version of Slides".

3. **Questions from employers.** Department facilitators took questions from employers attending the group health insurance training sessions. The questions (and answers) were recorded, compiled, and are now available for viewing on ETF's Internet site under FAQ (frequently asked questions). Topics include eligibility, coverage, completing insurance forms, COBRA and monthly reporting. The URL is http://etf.wi.gov/faq/employer_health_contact.htm

Questions regarding the new *Group Health Insurance Application/Change Form*, the health insurance training webcast or the health FAQs should be directed to the Employer Communication Center at (608) 264-7900 or toll free at (888) 681-3952.

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