



Employer *Bulletin*

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State and Federal Health Insurance Notifications

The It's Your Choice (IYC) materials provide members with a variety of information, including required federal and state notices. The *It's Your Choice 2016 Decision Guide* advises members that all IYC information is available online at etf.wi.gov. The notices are available through the [IYC 2016 state landing page](#).

Employers are responsible for ensuring their employees know where the federal and state notices are located. This email provides a suggested approach to ensuring this requirement is met. We recommend that you send an email to all employees to help them find the notices.

It is important that employees have this information, in particular, new hires upon orientation. We have included a sample email that you can use for your distribution. We would recommend that you retain a copy of this employee email, as you do for the IYC materials, as documentation of your efforts. You can:

- Develop a list of all eligible employees and use that list to match against your file of employee email addresses.
- Verify the list and then send the employee an email with the link to the online information. Employers should send the email with a "return receipt." This will establish a record of when the employee opened the email.

An employee email example is on the next page for your use.

Following is a sample email for employees:

Important Information About Your Health Insurance for 2016

There are a number of federal and state notifications that apply to your health insurance coverage. Improved design of the [2016 It's Your Choice Web pages](#) makes it easier than ever to navigate and find what you're looking for. These include links to:

- Detailed health insurance information
- Frequently asked questions (located under Helpful Info)
- State and federal notifications (located under Helpful Info and Resources)

State and federal notifications are available at etf.wi.gov/members/IYC2016/et-2107sfnot.asp

The state and federal notices include:

- [Notice of Privacy Practices](#)
- [COBRA: Continuation of Coverage for Group Health Insurance](#)
- [HIPAA: Privacy, Standards and Security](#)
- [HIPAA: Special Enrollment Opportunities](#)
- [Independent Review](#)
- [Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#)
- [National Medical Support Notice](#)
- [Notice of Creditable Coverage](#)
- [ACA: Marketplace Notice](#)
- [ACA: Patient Protection Disclosure](#)
- [Women's Health Cancer Rights Act of 1998](#)

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