



Employer *Bulletin*

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It's Your Choice Open Enrollment Period, Kickoff Meeting Dates Set

It's Your Choice Open Enrollment Period Set: October 1- October 26

The Group Insurance Board (GIB) established the 2019 It's Your Choice open enrollment period, October 1 - October 26, 2018, at its May board meeting.

Attend the It's Your Choice Kickoff Meeting: September 19, 2018

The Wednesday, September 19, 2018 kickoff meeting date was finalized upon GIB approval of the October 1 - October 26 It's Your Choice open enrollment period. ETF hosts this annual It's Your Choice meeting for state agencies and local health employers' payroll and personnel representatives, health plans and pharmacy benefit representatives. ETF staff members share information and discuss procedures regarding the It's Your Choice open enrollment period.

If you cannot attend this meeting, ETF is again planning to livestream the event using Go To Webinar. Please watch for future *Employer Bulletins* or emails from ETF on plan changes for next year, and webinar and meeting location updates.

ETF will also offer an online eLearning opportunity for all members (employers and employees) during this year's It's Your Choice Open enrollment period. This eLearning will be designed to answer any questions employers or employees may have related to this year's open enrollment period.

If you will be attending in person and plan to stay overnight in Madison, make your reservations early.

Separate State & Local It's Your Choice Kickoff Meetings

Details for this year's It's Your Choice kickoff meetings are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Time: State Employer Representatives: morning session 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Local Government Employer Representatives: afternoon session 1 - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Alliant Energy Center of Dane County

Exhibition Hall B

1919 Alliant Energy Center Way

Madison, WI 53713

The Alliant Energy Center is located at the gateway to downtown Madison, WI, just off the Beltline Highway (Hwy 12 and 18), on John Nolen Drive. With such a great location, the campus is five minutes from interstate 90/94 via Hwy 12 and 18, minutes from the Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison's State Street area and the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus and only 15 minutes from the Dane County Regional Airport. The Alliant Energy Center is a prime site, situated near three major metro areas – 250 miles from Minneapolis, MN, 145 miles from Chicago, IL and 75 miles from Milwaukee, WI.

- From **Chicago** (South): I-90 to exit 142A, west on Hwy. 12/18, 5 miles to Rimrock Rd. exit 262
- From **Green Bay** (North): I-90 to exit 142A, west on Hwy. 12/18, 5 miles to Rimrock Rd. exit 262
- From **Milwaukee** (East): I-94 West, I-90 South to exit 142A, west on Hwy. 12/18 to Rimrock Rd. exit 262
- From **Minneapolis** (West): I-90 South to exist 142A, west on Hwy. 12/18 to Rimrock Rd. exit 262
- From **Des Moines** (South): I-80 East to I-380 North, north on Hwy. 151 to Hwy. 12/18E, exit at Rimrock Rd. exit 262

For more detailed directions, maps and information, visit www.alliantenergycenter.com/directions/location-maps.

Entrances and Parking

The kickoff meeting will be held in Exhibition Hall B. Access to Exhibition Hall is via the main gate from Rimrock Road on the Southeast side of the campus. Parking is free and is directly in front of the Exhibition Hall building. As you walk up to the building, entry to the building and meeting rooms will be the doors on the far right end of the building.

Income Continuation Insurance

The GIB has again approved an Income Continuation Insurance (ICI) premium rate increase of 20% for 2019. The rate increase will be effective as of February 1, 2019. The new premium rates will be available this fall.

Arrange Health Fairs Early

You are responsible for arranging your own health fairs. Contact the health plans and Navitus Health Solutions directly to invite their representatives to your health fair. Please select a date for your health fair that allows plenty of time for 2019 It's Your Choice materials to arrive.

Please fill out and return the [Benefit/Health Fair Request Form \(ET-7117\)](#) by August 10, 2018, to have your health fairs published on the ETF website and request an ETF benefits specialist at your fair.

Contact ETF Outreach by email at ETFOutreach@etf.wi.gov with any additional questions.

Updated Plan Contact List

The recently-revised [Health Insurance Plan Contacts \(ET-1728\)](#) contains each health plan's contacts for membership and coverage, claims, supplies, employee assistance programs and complaints/grievances. The form is for employer use only; please do not provide your employees with these contacts. Employees should contact the insurance plan using the contact information in the It's Your Choice materials.

Questions

Employer questions may be directed to ETF at 608-266-3285 or toll free at 1-877-533-5020. Employers may also direct questions to ETF's Employer Communication Center by sending an email to ETFHealthandIns@etf.wi.gov.

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