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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2008
TO: Members of the Group Insurance Board
FROM: Robert Weber, DETF Chief Counsel
SUBJECT: Clearinghouse Rule 08-079: Surviving insured dependents rule.

This memo is for information only. No Board action is required at this time.

Attached is a copy of the Department's proposed rule regarding continued group health insurance coverage of an insured dependent, following the death of the insured employee or annuitant. The proposed rule repeals and recreates an existing administrative rule on this subject. The major change will be to automatically continue the coverage of the surviving insured dependents, instead of requiring a timely application for continued coverage. A detailed analysis of the effects of the proposed rule and the reasons for this rule-making is included with the proposed rule.

A public hearing on the rule is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at the Department of Employee Trust Funds offices, 801 West Badger Road.

The proposed rule was submitted to the Legislative Council Staff for review, as required for all administrative rule-making. The resulting Clearinghouse Report was received by the Department on August 12, 2008 and suggested only four minor editorial changes. These will be incorporated into the final draft of the rule.

Following the public hearing, a final draft report on the rule will be prepared. The final draft report will include details of all changes to the proposed rule adopted by the Department as a result of the Clearinghouse Report and comments received at the public hearing.

The final draft report will be offered to the Group Insurance Board for formal approval before the rule is submitted to the Legislature.

Reviewed and approved by Robert J. Conlin, Deputy Secretary.

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Date _____

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