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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2011
TO: Group Insurance Board
FROM: David H. Nispel, General Counsel
Steve Hurley, Office of Policy, Privacy and Compliance
SUBJECT: Status of Proposed Administrative Rules

This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

This memorandum is presented to inform Board members about the status of proposed administrative rules being drafted by the Department.


1. Public Hearings Scheduled for February 2011 (Hearing dates listed in parentheses)

- CR10-137, Spousal consent rule relating to amending § ETF 20.055, Wis. Admin. Code, to reflect the provisions in 1993 Wisconsin Act 426 and the language regarding spousal consent waivers. (February 10, 2011)
- CR 10-138, Power of Attorney rule relating to amending § ETF 10.75, Wis. Admin. Code, to harmonize the rule with Wisconsin's new power of attorney law (2009 Wisconsin Act 319). (February 3, 2011)

2. Published in Wisconsin Administrative Register – ETF Staff Drafting Rule

- Technical rule relating to making technical updates and corrections to existing ETF rules.
- Election rule relating to changes to streamline the administrative process for the election of persons to the Teachers Retirement Board and Employee Trust Funds Board and to allow for the use of modern voting technologies.
- Annual federal compensation limits rule relating to clarifying how the Department administers federal compensation limits under Section 401 (a) (17) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as provided in § 40.03 (2) (t), Wis. Stats.

Reviewed and approved by Robert Conlin, Deputy Secretary.


Signature _____ Date 1/14/11

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- Duty disability rule relating to clarifying the existing rule regarding the administration of the duty disability program and streamlining the process of applying for and making a departmental determination regarding duty disability benefit.
- Long-Term Disability Insurance offsets rule relating to when a person's long-term disability benefits will be reduced.

3. Scope Statement Submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau

- Internal Revenue Code compliance rule relating to clarifying how ETF administers provisions of the IRC, including §§ 415 (b), 415 (c) and 401 (a) (17) as provided in § 40.03 (2) (t), Wis. Stats. This scope statement incorporates the scope statement on § 401 (a) (17) that was published in the Administrative Register (see Item 2 above).

We will be available at the February 8, 2011, Board meeting to answer questions.