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Correspondence Memorandum

Date: October 20, 2016
To: Group Insurance Board
From: Tara Pray, Health Plans Manager
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Subject: Final Guidelines Contract and Uniform Benefits Changes for 2017

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

Background

At the August 16, July 12, and May 18, 2016 meetings, the Board approved the recommendations presented for the Uniform Benefits/Guidelines contract and granted staff the authority to make additional technical changes as necessary.

New Clarification Language

The following minor clarifications have been made to the document since the August 16 Board meeting:

1. The timetable containing contract deliverables was updated with 2017 due dates and to align with the contract year. Previously, the time table aligned with the annual *Key Dates Memo* containing final due dates and submission instructions, typically issued each spring to health plans by ETF.
2. The bonding/reinsurance provision was revised to require the health plans to provide the documentation to staff upon request – instead of submitting it as an attachment to the contract.
3. Clarification was added to stipulate that domestic partners are also not allowed to have double coverage under the program. This clarification is related to the provision added in 2016 that disallows any participant to be covered more than once under the State Group Health Insurance Program (including the Wisconsin Public Employers Group Health Insurance Program).
4. A few formatting issues were addressed and references to an attachment were revised.

Reviewed and approved by Lisa Ellinger, Director, Office of Strategic Health Policy

Electronically Signed 11/1/16

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Link to Final Uniform Benefits/Guidelines Contract

The final [Guidelines Contract and Uniform Benefits Changes for 2017](#) can be found on the ETF website. It is available as both a PDF of the entire document, and broken down by [sections](#).

Staff will be at the Board meeting to answer any questions.