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Group Insurance Board  
c/o Board Liaison  
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Dear Board Members:

I became very concerned recently when I read about the potential changes for the State of Wisconsin Health Benefit Programs moving to a self-insured model. It's my opinion, the current model for insurance works quite well. Costs seem to be reasonable and are kept lower with competition.

Current health system providers have incentive to keep costs in check and competition exists between providers. This is good for state employees and great for the state of Wisconsin.

Most of Wisconsin has quality care insurance providers. Although moving to a self-insured model saves money in the short term, it will be a disaster for Wisconsin state employees, providers of insurance programs and cost residents a lot more in the long term.

I urge you to reject the proposal for self-insurance and reject implementation of other changes outlined in the RFP for Administrative Services for the State of Wisconsin Health Benefit Programs.

Thank you for your consideration,



Bonni Falkner






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Dear Ms. Falkner

Thank you for taking the time to share your observations and feedback regarding the current structure of the state's group health insurance program and the evaluation of switching from a self-funded to self-insurance model.

Your letter will be shared with the Group Insurance Board along with other comments that we have received regarding this topic.

Sincerely,



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