

## Letter 15

**From:** [Glick, Jeff D - DWD](#)  
**To:** [ETF SMB GIB Feedback](#); [DWD DL All Users](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Message to DWD Employees: Group Insurance Board Opts for Self-Insured/Regional Program Structure  
**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2017 11:50:28 AM

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(Two typos corrected in earlier message)

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[To be forwarded to the appropriate question-answerers, please]:

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### **Message to DWD Employees: Group Insurance Board Opts for Self-Insured/Regional Program Structure**

The purpose of this message is to provide you with some initial information about the Group Insurance Board's (Board) decision yesterday to approve a new self-insured/regional program structure for the state health program, with changes slated to start in 2018. The Board cites the following goals behind the changes: quality care, maintaining benefit levels, ensuring provider access and containing program costs.

Governor Walker noted the advantages of moving to self-insurance during his 2017-19 Biennial Budget [Address](#), stating many local governments and other states are using self-insurance to keep health care affordable for employees and save costs. The Governor's budget proposal accounts for the move to self-insurance – including \$60 million in savings to be reinvested in public education.

As we await more details about the new program structure, we want to share with you the following information that the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) has published on its [website](#). Additional information, including answers to frequently asked [questions](#), a brief [video](#) on self-insurance, and next steps is also available on ETF's [website](#).

We look forward to sharing additional details as they become available in the weeks and months ahead to keep you informed.