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Group Insurance Board Liaison
P.O. Box 7931
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Group Insurance Board Liaison:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Group Insurance Board take action to implement a plan design change to the **Local Annuitant Health Program (LAHP)**.

The plan design change that I am requesting is to amend the plan so that local annuitant retirees could be eligible to enroll annually during the open enrollment "*It's Your Choice*" period.

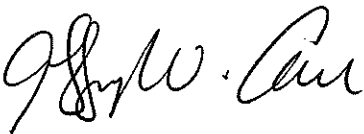
As the plan is currently written, there are only two windows of opportunity to enroll: one upon retirement and the second is when the annuitant turns age 65. As life circumstances change for early retirees, it would be reasonable to allow those retirees the option to enroll in the LAHP prior to age 65 during the annual open enrollment period.

It is my understanding that other state employees do have the option to enroll in the other group health plan options during open enrollment, but that same option isn't available for the LAHP. This plan design change would bring the LAHP in line with the other state health insurance enrollment options.

I realize that it may be too late to implement this change for 2019, but I respectfully request that the plan design change to the LAHP be made effective with the 2020 "*It's Your Choice*" open enrollment process.

Please advise me of the action taken on this request.

Thank you for your consideration.



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