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To: [ETF SMB Board Feedback](#)
Subject: Removal of EPIC Specialty Benefits
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To whom it may concern at the Health Insurance Board for State Employees:

I am disappointed that we no longer have EPIC Specialty Benefits available to us. I would like to appeal to the board to reinstate a plan similar to the EPIC Specialty Benefits.

The Select Plus Plan includes some of the dental benefits previously included in the EPIC Specialty Benefits

The VSP includes some of the benefits were provided under EPIC Specialty Benefits, but it was also available in the past with EPIC Specialty Benefits.

But, the medical portion , possibly called “major medical”, portion is not being replaced with any other choice of coverage. The “major medical” was an extremely useful benefit to those who may have a visit to the emergency room, ambulance transport, hospitalization, large medical procedures (ex. MRI) and orthodontics coverage better than what is offered in the dental Select Plus Plan.

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[REDACTED] It seems that there could be at least a “grandfather” clause that the benefit would not be taken away from people who have had it for 10+ or more years. I understand that may not be feasible, though it would be a help to state employees, those of us who have been using it for many years to have the benefit that we expect, etc. Secondly, the notice that it was ending did not come along till right before the opening of the IYC enrollment period, what is pretty late in the year, making it difficult to use any of the benefits now that were afforded earlier this year.

Please reinstate the “major medical” portion that was included in the EPIC Specialty Benefits previously.

Sincerely,
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