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Group Insurance Board
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P.O. Box 7931
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Group Insurance Board-Board Liaison:

I am requesting the Group Insurance Board for health insurance add reaching MEDICARE AGE as a LIFE CHANGE EVENT.

With the health insurance options of United Health Care Medicare Advantage and WEA Trust Medicare Plus, which cannot be selected unless you are already of medicare age beginning of the year, it would be an advantage to allow those reaching age 65 after the beginning of the year to change health insurance options to one of these plans the month of the 65th birthday. To allow medicare eligible members to select one of these two plan outside the IT'S YOUR CHOICE time frame, allows medicare eligible members to change to one of the two available plans that have, in most cases, lower monthly premiums and have either nationwide or worldwide coverage.

Sincerely,



Wendy Carviou
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Menasha, WI 54952

From: [ETF SMB Board Feedback](#)
To: "WENDY CARVIUO"
Subject: RE: reaching medicare age as a LIFE CHANGE EVENT
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 9:35:00 AM
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Dear Ms. Carviou:

This letter is in response to your letter to the Group Insurance Board (Board) dated October 13, 2018. As Director of the Department of Employee Trust Fund's (ETF's) Office of Strategic Health Policy, I have been asked to respond to you.

Your request is for the state group health insurance program to permit retirees a special enrollment opportunity into UnitedHealthcare's Medicare Advantage plan effective the first of the month when they turn age 65. ETF is currently exploring policy changes like this one to be effective January 1, 2020. Staff will be presenting this and other changes to the Board in early 2019 for their consideration and potential approval. We have shared your request with the Board.

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have further questions, please contact Arlene Larson of my staff at (608) 264-6624 or e-mail her at arlene.larson@etf.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

Eileen Mallow
Director
Office of Strategic Health Policy

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