

Letter 5 with Response

From: [Katie Wilson](#)
To: [ETF SMB Board Feedback](#)
Subject: Re: Allergy immunotherapy
Date: Thursday, December 31, 2020 9:53:00 AM
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Hi Lisa,

I had contacted you last winter about allergy immunotherapy. Am I correct that it did not end of being added to state health benefits for the coming year?

Thanks!

Katie

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, 4:41:10 PM CST, Katie Wilson <superkatie17@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thanks so much, Lisa. I truly appreciate it!!

Katie

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, 4:14:55 PM CST, ETF SMB Board Feedback <etfsmbboardfeedback@etf.wi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Katie,

I spoke with you this afternoon on the phone. I am confirming receipt as requested. I will forward this on to the Group Insurance Board members for consideration.

Thank you!



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From: Katie Wilson <superkatie17@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 4:08 PM
To: ETF SMB Board Feedback <ETFSMBoardFeedback@etf.wi.gov>
Subject: Allergy immunotherapy

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Dear Group Insurance Board,

I am writing to encourage you to consider adding allergy immunotherapy to the list of services covered by the state health insurance plan. I am an employee of the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] being able to access this type of care would likely save the state plan money in the long run, since it would likely decrease my need for services such as doctor visits prescription medications. I hope you consider coverage for this service in the future.

Thank you for considering and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kate Wilson

602 E. MacArthur Avenue

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[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Wilson,

Thank you for reaching out to the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) regarding coverage of allergy immunotherapy under the Group Health Insurance Program (GHIP). We appreciate the time you spent to voice your concern and would like to provide you additional information on your Certificate of Coverage and ETF's process for determining coverages for the following plan years.

On review of your Certificate of Coverage, allergy immunotherapy is not specifically excluded; however, ETF relies on health insurance plans to review current medical standards and develop specific coverage criteria based on those standards. We suggest that you contact your health plan for information on what criteria they use to determine whether allergy immunotherapy is covered, and with your doctor to discuss how your care aligns with those criteria.

ETF is beginning to work with plans on coverage changes for plan year 2022 this month, and we will include your request in our discussions to determine how these benefits are currently being administered and if there are improvements we need to make to coverage language.

If you have additional questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me via email at Eileen.Mallow@etf.wi.gov or via phone at (608) 267-0732.

Sincerely,

Eileen Mallow, Director, Office of Strategic Health Policy
Department of Employee Trust Funds