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# Correspondence Memorandum

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**To:** Group Insurance Board

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**Subject:** 2023 Open Enrollment Results

This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

#### Introduction

This memo provides an analysis of changes to the Group Health Insurance Program (GHIP) enrollment for 2023 with related attachments:

- Attachment A provides a breakdown of enrollment by health plan
- Attachment B provides a breakdown of plan changes for former WEA Trust membership
- Attachment C provides a breakdown of enrollment by State vs. Local programs
- Attachment D provides a breakdown of enrollment between active employees, annuitants (retirees) and continuants (COBRA)
- Attachment E provides a breakdown of high deductible health plan (HDHP) enrollment by health plan

Total GHIP membership increased by 0.73% from 2022. The overall increase was driven by continued growth in the Local program. The State program decreased by 0.26%, but the Local program increased by 6.98%. Total enrollment counts by health plan are in Attachment A and details of State and Local enrollment by health plan are in Attachment C.

## **Health Plan Changes for WEA Trust Members**

The withdrawal of the WEA Trust from the health insurance market required WEA Trust members to choose a new health plan during the 2023 open enrollment period. WEA Trust offered three regional health plans in the GHIP, as well as provided the administration of the Access Health Plan (Access HP), State Maintenance Plan (SMP), and Medicare Plus Plans. The combined members of all those plans were 22% of the total GHIP membership in 2022. Almost 50% of the combined WEA Trust membership moved to plans by HealthPartners Health Plan (HealthPartners) and Dean Health Insurance (Dean), with each gaining about 24%.

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HealthPartners picked up 38% of the WEA Trust East membership between their Robin with HealthPartners plan in northeast Wisconsin and their new HealthPartners Southeast plan in southeast Wisconsin.

Dean is the new plan administrator for the Access Health Plan (Access HP) and picked up most of the Access HP membership. Dean also actively marketed their new Dean Health Plan Prevea360 West (Dean HP Prevea360 West) to the Mayo clinic patients who previously were enrolled in WEA Trust West Mayo Clinic. Dean picked up almost 93% of those members.

Although Aspirus Health Plan (Aspirus HP) did not gain as many members from WEA Trust as some of the other vendors, the 1,826 members they gained resulted in a five-fold increase in their membership. More detailed breakdowns are provided in Attachment B.

#### **New Health Plans**

To ensure adequate plan choices for the GHIP membership, new health plans were added to the program for 2023.

Security Health Plan (Security HP) returned to the program after leaving at the end of 2019. Their initial enrollment is 1,793 members. That is a fraction of the approximately 10,000 members they had in 2019, but it will take time for them to rebuild their membership. 61% of their new membership came from WEA Trust.

Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative was offered in the GHIP due to a new partnership with Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire (GHC-EC). Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative provides services in southeast Wisconsin, an area not directly served by GHC-EC. Their initial enrollment is 3,034. 86% of their enrollments came from WEA Trust members, mostly WEA Trust East.

GHC-EC also added a new plan known as GHC-EC River Region, centered around the Eau Claire area. Previously, a plan was not offered in this region for reasons of price competitiveness. They gained 1,604 members in this area, 67% of which came from WEA Trust.

HealthPartners created a new HealthPartners Southeast plan as a choice for WEA Trust East membership. 2023 enrollment so far for that plan is 5,186, 86% of which came from WEA Trust.

Dean Prevea360 previously served counties in both northeast and northwest Wisconsin. For 2023, they formally split those areas up into separate health plans: Dean Prevea360 was renamed Dean Health Plan Preveau360 East (Dean HP Preveau360 East), and Dean HP Prevea360 West was created due to health insurance premium rating purposes. The two plans had a combined membership increase of 277%, almost all of

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which is in the Dean HP Preveau360 West due to their marketing aimed at attracting WEA Trust West Mayo Clinic members.

## **Service Area Changes**

In addition to the new plans, two vendors made significant changes to their service areas for 2023.

HealthPartners reduced the size of their plan service area in northwest Wisconsin (now known as HealthPartners West) from 37 counties down to nine: Adams, Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, and Washburn. These are the counties in which they felt they could remain competitive on price. The result was a 43.5% membership decrease for that plan. Those members largely moved to GHC-EC. With the addition of HealthPartners Southeast plan and growth in the Robin with HealthPartners plan, HealthPartners has changed their focus from northwest Wisconsin to eastern Wisconsin.

GHC-EC expanded their original northwest Wisconsin service area to include all of western Wisconsin. That plan is now known as GHC-EC Greater Wisconsin (GHC-EC Greater WI). The expansion into southwest Wisconsin along with gains from WEA Trust members in their original northwest service area resulted in a 227% membership increase. This also impacted the membership for Medical Associates (-2.84%) and Quartz West (-17.98%) who lost members to GHC-EC Greater WI.

## **Access Plan and Medicare Plus**

Previously Medicare Plus membership was reported as part of the Access HP. Since the Access HP and SMP are now administered by Dean, and Medicare Plus is administered by UnitedHealthcare (Medicare Plus UHC), Medicare Plus has been split out and will be reported separately going forward.

### **Medicare Advantage**

Medicare Advantage UnitedHealthcare (Medicare Advantage UHC) continues to grow annually and picked up some Medicare Plus members for 2023. The plan grew an additional 26.73%. Total membership is now just under 16,000 and makes Medicare Advantage UHC the fifth largest plan offered by the GHIP.

## **High Deductible Health Plan**

The High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) has also had another year of continued growth with total membership now just over 33,000 members. That is 13.79% of total enrollment. Details of HDHP enrollment by health plan are in Attachment E.

## **Open Enrollment Applications**

With the departure of WEA Trust, there was close to a three-fold increase in health plan changes for 2023. The other types of change requests were relatively stable from 2022 to 2023. (See Table 1 on page 4.)

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**Table 1: Open Enrollment Change Requests** 

Open Enrollment Request	2022	2023	Change
Change Health Plan [Contracts]	10,044	27,797	17,753
New Enrollment [Contracts]	2,460	2,741	281
Remove Dependent(s) [Members]	147	131	-16
Add Dependent(s) [Members]	70	48	-22
Change from Family to Single Coverage [Contracts]	396	441	45
Change from Single to Family Coverage [Contracts]	434	507	73
Total Requests	13,551	31,665	18,114

Staff will be available at the board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment A: 2022-2023 Enrollment Changes by Health Plan Attachment B: Breakdown of plan changes for former WEA Trust membership Attachment C: 2023 Enrollment - State/Local

Attachment D: 2023 Enrollment - Active/Annuitant/Continuant Attachment E: 2022-2023 HDHP Enrollment Health Plan

## Attachment A

Atta	hment A	: 2022-20	23	B Enrollm	ent Chan	ge	s by Healt	th Plan		
Lloalth Dlan	20	)23		20	)22		Differ	ence	% Ch	ange
Health Plan	Contracts	Members		Contracts	Members		Contracts	Members	Contracts	Members
ACCESS HP <sup>1</sup>	1,777	3,479		6,441	9,539		-4,664	-6,060	-72.41%	-63.53%
ASPIRUS HP	1,423	3,313		209	522		1,214	2,791	580.86%	534.67%
COMMON GROUND (GHC-EC)	1,459	3,034					1,459	3,034		
DEAN HP	18,359	39,259		18,516	39,204		-157	55	-0.85%	0.14%
DEAN HP PREVEA360 EAST <sup>2</sup>	1,013	2,371		1,276	3,018		-263	-647	-20.61%	-21.44%
DEAN HP PREVEA360 WEST <sup>3</sup>	3,724	9,005					3,724	9,005		
GHC-EC GREATER WI	2,961	7,585		1,006	2,322		1,955	5,263	194.33%	226.66%
GHC-EC RIVER REGION	615	1,604					615	1,604		
GHC SOUTH CENTRAL WI	8,920	19,829		7,877	16,938		1,043	2,891	13.24%	17.07%
HEALTHPARTNERS SOUTHEAST	2,310	5,186					2,310	5,186		
HEALTHPARTNERS WEST	1,533	3,558		2,645	6,301		-1,112	-2,743	-42.04%	-43.53%
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES HP	684	1,779		717	1,831		-33	-52	-4.60%	-2.84%
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE UHC	10,806	15,934		8,389	12,573		2,417	3,361	28.81%	26.73%
MEDICARE PLUS UHC <sup>4</sup>	3,421	4,567					3,421	4,567		
MERCYCARE HP	1,074	2,771		887	2,351		187	420	21.08%	17.86%
NETWORK HP	11,446	27,752		8,205	21,420		3,241	6,332	39.50%	29.56%
QUARTZ CENTRAL	3,022	7,842		2,337	5,968		685	1,874	29.31%	31.40%
QUARTZ UW HEALTH	31,059	66,041		30,546	65,859		513	182	1.68%	0.28%
QUARTZ WEST	2,022	4,918		2,392	5,996		-370	-1,078	-15.47%	-17.98%
ROBIN WITH HEALTHPARTNERS	3,113	8,033		571	1,407		2,542	6,626	445.18%	470.93%
SECURITY HP	758	1,793					758	1,793		
SMP <sup>1</sup>	23	58		26	41		-3	17	-11.54%	41.46%
WEA TRUST EAST <sup>5</sup>	7	16		13,707	31,480		-13,700	-31,464	-99.95%	-99.95%
WEA TRUST WEST CHIPP VLY <sup>5</sup>	1	2		1,273	3,177		-1,272	-3,175	-99.92%	-99.94%
WEA TRUST WEST MAYO CLIN <sup>5</sup>	0	0		3,352	8,034		-3,352	-8,034	-100.00%	-100.00%
Grand Total	111,530	239,729		110,372	237,981		1,158	1,748	1.05%	0.73%
1. Vendor change and Medicare Plus	carved out	t for 2023								
2. Some members moved to DEAN	HP PREVEA	360 WEST								
3. Split from DEAN HP PREVEA360	EAST									
4. Carved out from Access Plan for 2	2023									

<sup>4.</sup> Carved out from Access Plan for 2023

<sup>5.</sup> Plan change for 2023 pending

## Attachment B

Table 1: Breakdown of Former WEA Trust Members by Vendor

Vendor	Share of WEA Trust Membership
HEALTHPARTNERS HEALTH PLAN	23.85%
DEAN HEALTH INSURANCE	23.60%
UNITEDHEALTHCARE MEDICARE	14.82%
NETWORK HEALTH	12.81%
GHC OF EAU CLAIRE	12.79%
QUARTZ	5.10%
ASPIRUS HEALTH PLAN	4.05%
SECURITY HEALTH PLAN	2.42%
ALL OTHERS	0.56%

Table 2: Change in Enrollment for Access Plan, SMP, & Medicare Plus by Health Plan

Health Plan	Share of WEA Trust Membership
MEDICARE PLUS - UHC	50.08%
ACCESS HP - DEAN	22.35%
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE UHC	15.54%
QUARTZ UW HEALTH	4.18%
NETWORK HP	1.29%
DEAN HP	1.28%
DEAN HP PREVEA360 WEST	1.22%
ALL OTHERS	4.07%

Table 3: Change in Enrollment for WEA Trust East by Health Plan

Health Plan	Share of WEA Trust Membership
ROBIN WITH HEALTHPARTNERS	21.89%
NETWORK HP	20.75%
HEALTHPARTNERS SOUTHEAST	16.21%
COMMON GROUND	9.44%
ASPIRUS HEALTH PLAN	6.58%
QUARTZ CENTRAL	6.16%
GHC-EC GREATER WI	5.78%
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE UHC	2.97%
SECURITY HP	2.91%
DEAN HP	2.13%
ACCESS HP - DEAN	1.42%
MEDICARE PLUS - UHC	1.28%
ALL OTHERS	2.47%

Table 4: Change in Enrollment for WEA Trust West Chippewa Valley by Health Plan

Health Plan	Share of WEA Trust Membership
GHC-EC RIVER REGION	37.50%
DEAN HP PREVEA360 WEST	26.93%
GHC-EC GREATER WI	14.42%
SECURITY HP	8.95%
HEALTHPARTNERS WEST	6.90%
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE UHC	2.73%
ALL OTHERS	2.55%

**Table 5: Change in Enrollment for WEA Trust West Mayo Clinic** 

Health Plan	Share of WEA Trust Membership
DEAN HP PREVEA360 WEST	92.64%
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE UHC	2.61%
GHC-EC GREATER WI	1.08%
ALL OTHERS	3.67%

# **Attachment C**

Attachment C: 2023 Enrollment - State/Local_										
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Health Plan	Contracts	Members		Contracts	Members		Contracts	Members		
ACCESS HP	1,700	3,305		77	174		1,777	3,479		
ASPIRUS HP	1,406	3,264		17	49		1,423	3,313		
COMMON GROUND (GHC-EC)	1,297	2,647		162	387		1,459	3,034		
DEAN HP	15,810	32,944		2,549	6,315		18,359	39,259		
DEAN HP PREVEA360 EAST	584	1,246		429	1,125		1,013	2,371		
DEAN HP PREVEA360 WEST	3,626	8,782		98	223	Г	3,724	9,005		
GHC-EC GREATER WI	1,707	4,337		1,254	3,248	Г	2,961	7,585		
GHC-EC RIVER REGION	609	1,591		6	13		615	1,604		
GHC SOUTH CENTRAL WI	5,614	10,839		3,306	8,990		8,920	19,829		
HEALTHPARTNERS SOUTHEAST	2,253	5,042		57	144		2,310	5,186		
HEALTHPARTNERS WEST	1,520	3,534		13	24		1,533	3,558		
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES HP	346	825		338	954		684	1,779		
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE UHC	10,337	15,260		469	674		10,806	15,934		
MEDICARE PLUS UHC	3,303	4,418		118	149		3,421	4,567		
MERCYCARE HP	553	1,344		521	1,427		1,074	2,771		
NETWORK HP	9,770	23,143		1,676	4,609		11,446	27,752		
QUARTZ CENTRAL	2,908	7,625		114	217		3,022	7,842		
QUARTZ UW HEALTH	28,647	60,314		2,412	5,727		31,059	66,041		
QUARTZ WEST	1,879	4,616		143	302		2,022	4,918		
ROBIN WITH HEALTHPARTNERS	3,089	7,970		24	63		3,113	8,033		
SECURITY HP	757	1,792		1	1		758	1,793		
SMP	16	40		7	18		23	58		
WEA TRUST EAST	7	16		0	0		7	16		
WEA TRUST WEST CHIPP VLY	1	2		0	0		1	2		
Grand Total	97,739	204,896		13,791	34,833		111,530	239,729		
Change from 2022	0.25%	-0.26%		7.11%	6.98%		1.05%	0.73%		

# Attachment D

Attachment D: 2023 Enrollment - Active/Annuitant/Continuant											
Health Plan	ACT	ΓIVE	ANNU	ITANT		CONTI	NUANT		TOTAL		
Health Plan	Contracts Members			Contracts	Members		Contracts	Members		Contracts	Members
ACCESS HP	1,596	3,216		179	258		2	5		1,777	3,479
ASPIRUS HP	1,244	3,024		177	285		2	4		1,423	3,313
COMMON GROUND (GHC-EC)	1,247	2,725		209	306		3	3		1,459	3,034
DEAN HP	13,748	32,535		4,591	6,684		20	40		18,359	39,259
DEAN HP PREVEA360 EAST	819	2,082		193	288		1	1		1,013	2,371
DEAN HP PREVEA360 WEST	3,106	8,051		617	953		1	1		3,724	9,005
GHC-EC GREATER WI	2,637	7,084		321	498		3	3		2,961	7,585
GHC-EC RIVER REGION	534	1,477		81	127		0	0		615	1,604
GHC SOUTH CENTRAL WI	7,709	18,041		1,200	1,772		11	16		8,920	19,829
HEALTHPARTNERS SOUTHEAST	2,066	4,818		244	368		0	0		2,310	5,186
HEALTHPARTNERS WEST	1,230	3,078		301	473		2	7		1,533	3,558
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES HP	561	1,602		123	177		0	0		684	1,779
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE UHC	0	0		10,805	15,933		1	1		10,806	15,934
MEDICARE PLUS UHC	0	0		3,421	4,567		0	0		3,421	4,567
MERCYCARE HP	948	2,576		124	185		2	10		1,074	2,771
NETWORK HP	10,057	25,625		1,372	2,096		17	31		11,446	27,752
QUARTZ CENTRAL	2,639	7,239		379	591		4	12		3,022	7,842
QUARTZ UW HEALTH	25,608	57,899		5,389	8,026		62	116		31,059	66,041
QUARTZ WEST	1,580	4,260		440	656		2	2		2,022	4,918
ROBIN WITH HEALTHPARTNERS	2,811	7,567		299	463		3	3		3,113	8,033
SECURITY HP	563	1,493		194	299		1	1		758	1,793
SMP	23	58		0	0		0	0		23	58
WEA TRUST EAST	4	11		2	2		1	3		7	16
WEA TRUST WEST CHIPP VLY	0	0		1	2		0	0		1	2
Grand Total	80,730	194,461		30,662	45,009		138	259		111,530	239,729

# Attachment E

Attachment E: 2022-2023 HDHP Enrollment Health Plan												
Health Dlan	20	23		20	22		Differ	ence	% Change			
Health Plan	Contracts	Members		Contracts	Members		Contracts	Members	Contracts	Members		
ACCESS HP	319	733		285	663		34	70	11.93%	10.56%		
ASPIRUS HP	359	857		73	168		286	689	391.78%	410.12%		
COMMON GROUND (GHC-EC)	265	583					265	583				
DEAN HP	2,223	4,954		1,841	3,957		382	997	20.75%	25.20%		
DEAN HP PREVEA360 EAST	187	448		265	625		-78	-177	-29.43%	-28.32%		
DEAN HP PREVEA360 WEST	790	1,909					790	1,909				
GHC-EC GREATER WI	626	1,617		188	452		438	1,165	232.98%	257.74%		
GHC-EC RIVER REGION	108	307					108	307				
GHC SOUTH CENTRAL WI	1,011	2,261		666	1,360		345	901	51.80%	66.25%		
HEALTHPARTNERS SOUTHEAST	363	815					363	815				
HEALTHPARTNERS WEST	364	894		555	1,381		-191	-487	-34.41%	-35.26%		
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES HP	46	119		42	104		4	15	9.52%	14.42%		
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE UHC	7	11		3	3		4	8	133.33%	266.67%		
MEDICARE PLUS UHC	2	3					2	3				
MERCYCARE HP	167	447		93	253		74	194	79.57%	76.68%		
NETWORK HP	1,668	4,201		1,076	2,934		592	1,267	55.02%	43.18%		
QUARTZ CENTRAL	488	1,347		339	879		149	468	43.95%	53.24%		
QUARTZ UW HEALTH	3,798	8,556		3,325	7,433		473	1,123	14.23%	15.11%		
QUARTZ WEST	342	876		294	765		48	111	16.33%	14.51%		
ROBIN WITH HEALTHPARTNERS	657	1,741		175	417		482	1,324	275.43%	317.51%		
SECURITY HP	135	350					135	350				
SMP	8	26					8	26				
WEA TRUST EAST				2,022	4,891		-2,022	-4,891	-100.00%	-100.00%		
WEA TRUST WEST CHIPP VLY				193	533		-193	-533	-100.00%	-100.00%		
WEA TRUST WEST MAYO CLIN				562	1,367		-562	-1,367	-100.00%	-100.00%		
Grand Total	13,933	33,055		11,997	28,185		1,936	4,870	16.14%	17.28%		
% of Total Enrollment	12.49%	13.79%		10.87%	11.84%							