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Date: January 26, 2024
To: Group Insurance Board
From: Kim Esselman, Appeals Coordinator
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Subject: Pending Appeals Annual Report 2023

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

During calendar year 2023, 24 new appeals were filed, four final decisions were issued, and 29* appeals were withdrawn. As of December 31, 2023, there were 46 pending appeals. Table 1 indicates the total number of pending appeals under the authority of the Employee Trust Funds Board (ETF), Group Insurance Board (GIB), Wisconsin Retirement Board (WR), and Teachers Retirement Board (TR). There were zero pending appeals under the authority of the Deferred Compensation Board (DC).

Table 1. PENDING APPEALS BY BOARD

| ETF | GIB | WR | TR | DC |
|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| 20 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 0 |

The 24 new appeals filed in year 2023 is an increase from the number of new appeals filed in the previous three calendar years. Table 2 provides the total number of new appeals filed by year since 2020:

Table 2. NEW APPEALS FILED BY YEAR

| 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|------|------|------|------|
| 6 | 14 | 12 | 24 |

The GIB has the authority to accept timely appeals of determinations made by the Department of Employee Trust Funds affecting any right or benefit under any group

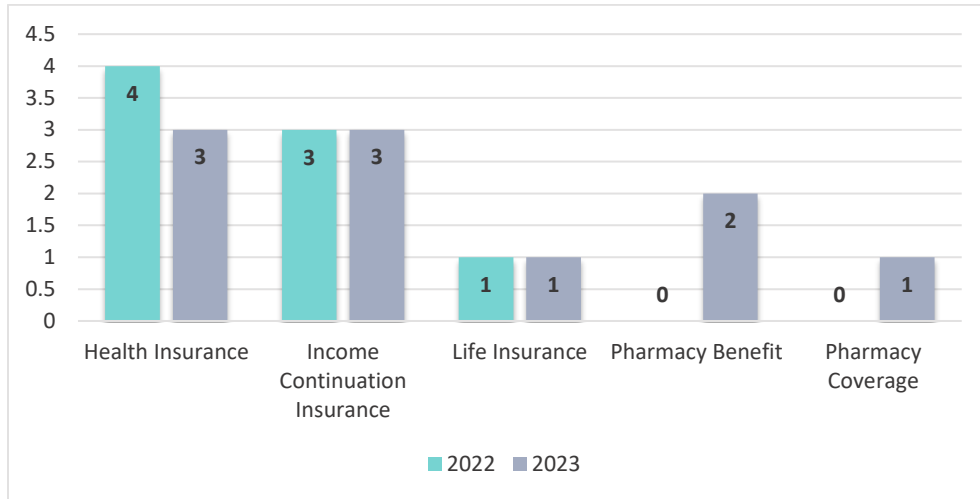
*Twenty-three (23) appeals withdrawn involve a group of employees who were changed from the Protective employment category to the General employment category.

Reviewed and approved by Diana Felsmann, General Counsel, Office of Legal Services
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insurance plan provided for under [Wis. Stats. § 40.03\(6\)\(i\)](#). Chart 1 identifies the 10 active appeals under the authority of the GIB by topic area.

Chart 1. GROUP INSURANCE BOARD APPEALS BY TOPIC



Staff will be at the Board meeting to answer any questions.