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Correspondence Memorandum

Date: October 18, 2024

To: Group Insurance Board

From: Tim Steiner, Director
 Budget, Contract Administration and Procurement

Subject: Board Authority Contracts Update

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

The following are contracts and amendments executed since the August 2024 Update:

Wisconsin Health Information Organization, Inc. (WHIO)

WHIO sends provider registry data submissions to The Department of Employee Trust Funds' (ETF's) data warehouse vendor, Merative, twice annually as authorized under [Wis. Stat. 153.05\(2r\)](#), [153.01\(3g\)](#), and [Chapter 40](#). Since 2020, ETF has paid \$14,000 annually for this service. On September 4, 2024, the ETF secretary signed amendment 1 with WHIO wherein the price increased for provider registry submissions to \$15,300 in 2025 and \$16,220 in 2026.

Long-Term Care Insurance

The Group Insurance Board (Board) chair signed a contract for long-term care insurance with Health Choice (agent) and Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company on October 16, 2024, for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.

Contract Administration

ETF conducted an annual staff and Board survey regarding the 2024 performance of the Wisconsin Health Insurance actuary, Segal, and the Wisconsin Group Insurance and Disability Programs actuary, Milliman. These surveys are conducted to inform decisions on (1) whether to extend the actuary contracts or initiate the 180-day termination notice and (2) if the contract is extended, what percent increase, if any, will be added to the actuary's current retainer fee for the following calendar year. Only staff who worked with one of these vendors in 2024 were asked to respond to the survey. All members of the Board were invited to take the survey.

Health Insurance Program Actuary:

Tarna Hunter

Reviewed and approved by Tarna Hunter, Director, Budget & Management
 Electronically Signed 10/29/2024

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21 staff received the 2024 Segal survey and eight responded. The average overall performance rating was 4 out of 5. Several staff provided comments on potential improvements:

- *“Explanation of actuarial assumptions, including pharmaceutical claims versus rebates and changes from prior assumptions. Also, more cohesion/alignment with other ETF reporting specifically the [Division of Trust Finance] and relative to actual [Data Analytics and Insights] dashboard reports (claims data).”*
- *“Education and documentation of calculations and all assumptions.”*

11 Board members received the Segal survey and seven responded. The average overall performance rating was 4.15 out of 5. Three Board recommendations for improvement were provided:

- *“Additional visibility into options/recommendations, as mapping to tiers/[State Maintenance Plan] is finalized, would be helpful for the Board.”*
- *“Segal could provide more thorough and transparent information pertaining to their assumptions related to anti-obesity medications.”*
- *“A particularly challenging report that comes to mind is the weight loss drug cost analysis that was part of the 2025 final benefits changes memo. The report provided point estimates for costs and savings that both drew many questions from Board members and prompted a significant amount of written correspondence to the Board. It would be preferable that an analysis of this type would show ranges instead of point estimates, recognizing the changing landscape and varied research on the topic. I generally feel that Segal answers Board questions in a reasonable manner – there are occasions where Segal follow-up is indicated in a response (e.g. “we’ll have to get back to you on that.”) and we should be certain to hold them accountable for the follow-up when it is indicated.”*

Wisconsin Group Insurance and Disability Program Actuary:

18 staff received the 2024 Milliman survey and five responded. The average overall performance rating was 4.6 out of 5. No recommendations for improvement were provided.

11 Board members received the Milliman survey and eight responded. The average overall performance rating was 4.57 out of 5. No recommendations for improvement were provided.

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