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I am a WI state retiree living in [REDACTED] For the past several years I have enrolled in the United Health Care IYC plan as that plan was recognized and accepted by my primary care provider, Health Partners. Apparently, United Health and Health Partners will be parting ways in 2025. What are my options?

Dan Kuzlik

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Dear Dan Kuzlik:

Thank you for your August 29, 2024, email to the Group Insurance Board (Board) and the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF). You wrote with concerns about information you learned regarding the status of HealthPartners Medical Group's provider contract with UnitedHealthcare's (UHC's) Medicare Advantage plans. UHC offers the It's Your Choice Medicare Advantage (IYC MA) plan in the State of Wisconsin Group Health Insurance Program (GHIP).

ETF reached out to UHC and learned that UHC is engaged in active contract negotiations with the HealthPartners Medical Group for an effective date of January 1, 2025. Note that even if HealthPartners providers do not sign a Medicare Advantage contract with UHC for 2025 [meaning that they become an out-of-network (OON) provider], as long as HealthPartners agrees to bill UHC, you will have your claims paid as they are now. This is because the IYC MA plan is a nationwide passive Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) where retirees are not penalized for seeing an OON provider.

If you are interested in changing health plans during open enrollment for coverage effective January 1, 2025, HealthPartners Health Plan West may be of interest to you, as the HealthPartners Medical Group is contracted with them as an in-network provider.

I hope you have found this response helpful. If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out using the contact information provided below. A copy of your letter and ETF's response will be included in the materials for the November 13, 2024, Board meeting.

Sincerely,

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