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Dear Group Insurance Board Members,

I wanted to follow up on my email last Fall regarding the expansion of anti obesity medication (AOMs) coverage for members of the Wisconsin Retirement System [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], a member of Madison Teachers Inc. (part of WEAC/NEA), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Earlier in my career, I worked extensively in the food services and healthcare fields and saw first hand the obesity epidemic.

I am writing today to respectfully request that the board immediately reconsider its past decision declining to expand coverage for the latest FDA approved AOMs to ensure that Wisconsin public employee benefits reflect the importance of our work to the functioning of our communities, and the quality of life that encourages people to live, work, and raise families here. Unlocking this coverage will also go a long way towards lowering long term health, economic, and societal costs of obesity which are skyrocketing.

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The Board needs to seriously consider a more just reconciliation between short term costs and long term, society-wide value. This includes maintaining Wisconsin as a competitive destination for talented, motivated and healthy public employees, many of whom have choices where they can work.

As you also know, numerous other states and the federal government's public employee health plans provide reimbursement for these medications to some or all of their covered public employees not only because it's the equitable thing to do, but also in light of the current lack of effective obesity treatments and the massive financial and societal costs of continuing with an unsustainable status quo.

Thank you for your continued reconsideration beginning with the 2026 benefit year. I look forward to staying in touch and monitoring these important issues.

Sincerely
Laila Borokhim