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Date: January 22, 2025
To: Group Insurance Board
From: Kim Esselman, Appeals Coordinator
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Subject: Pending Appeals Annual Report 2024

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

During calendar year 2024, 23 new appeals were filed, seven final decisions were issued, and 16 appeals were withdrawn. As of January 22, 2025, 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
17	12	14	3	0

The 23 new appeals filed in year 2024 is a decrease from the number of new appeals filed in the previous calendar year. Table 2 provides the total number of new appeals filed by year since 2021:

Table 2. NEW APPEALS FILED BY YEAR

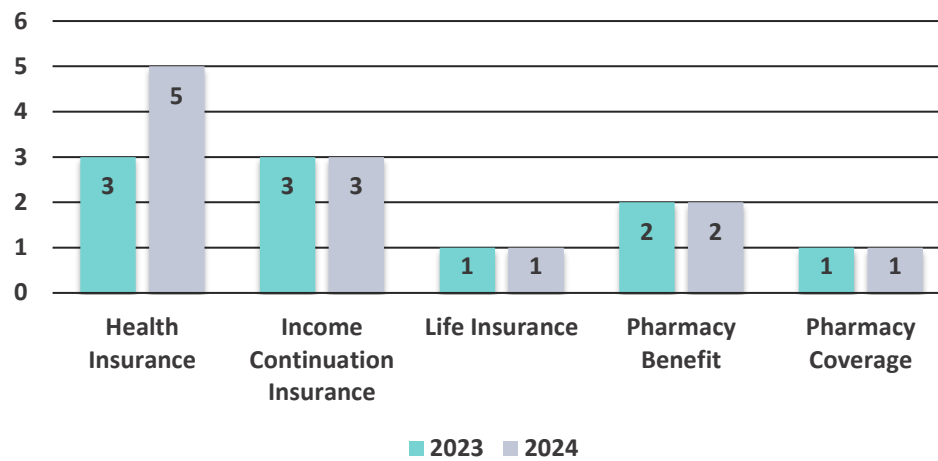
2021	2022	2023	2024
14	12	24	23

The GIB has the authority to accept timely appeals of determinations made by the Department of Employee Trust Funds appeals affecting any right or benefit under any group insurance plan provided for under [Wis. Stats. § 40.03\(6\)\(i\)](#). Chart 1 identifies the 12 active appeals under the authority of the GIB by topic area.

Reviewed and approved by Peter Rank, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Services
Electronically Signed 01/24/2025

Board	Mtg Date	Item #
GIB	02.26.25	7A

Chart 1. GROUP INSURANCE BOARD APPEALS BY TOPIC



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