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Please consider allowing retirees on Medicare to determine the next year choice of plans later as similar to the federal open enrollment . It was October 15 to December 7 this year. Some health care organizations had not resigned to be in the United Health Advantage plan for retirees by the enrollment date of October 25 this year. Thank you Marsha Brightman



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Dear Ms. Marsha Brightman,

Thank you for your inquiry email to the Group Insurance Board (Board) and the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) regarding aligning the State of Wisconsin Group Health Insurance Program's open enrollment dates with Medicare's.

ETF establishes the annual open enrollment dates through a partnership with the various state and local employers and their payroll systems. The proposed open enrollment dates are determined based on what works for employers, health plans, vendors, and ETF, which acts as the employer for retirees. ETF then presents the proposed dates to the Group Insurance Board for approval at their February meeting each year. The open enrollment period isn't final without Board approval.

When evaluating open enrollment dates, ETF ensures all enough time is allotted to complete all benefit processing steps. This includes reviewing the application, entering the information into the system, and submitting it to the health plans. The health plans then need time to process the information and send out welcome packets and ID cards prior to the start of coverage on January 1.

ETF will continue to review key dates and deadlines each year and is committed to selecting an open enrollment period that provides the best results for members, employers, vendors, and ETF staff.

Again, thank you for your email. If you have any other questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information below.

Sincerely,

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