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Correspondence Memorandum

Date: May 7, 2025
To: Group Insurance Board
From: Dan Hayes, Attorney
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Subject: Legal Case Update

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

This memorandum is presented to inform board members about the status of pending or recently concluded legal cases involving the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) and the Group Insurance Board (Board).

The purpose of the memorandum is to inform Board members of litigation in which the Board and/or ETF are parties, not to provide legal advice concerning the cases listed. Assistant attorneys general from the Department of Justice (DOJ) represent ETF and/or the Board in any litigation in court pursuant to [Wis Stat. § 40.03\(3\)](#). If there are questions about a case, please contact ETF's Office of Legal Services.

As of May 7, 2025, there is one case that involves ETF and/or the Board.

Issue - This Petition for Judicial Review concerns ETF's determination to require a participant in the State of Wisconsin Group Health Insurance Program (GHIP) to pay the full premium for insurance through GHIP, including prescription drug coverage, despite his opting out of Medicare Part D coverage because he has pharmacy coverage through the Veterans Affairs.

Summary - The member requested judicial review of a final decision issued by the Board on January 13, 2025 (Appeal #2023-011-GIB). The Board is named as the respondent.

Status - The member filed the Petition to Review, using the Writ of Certiorari method, in Dane County Circuit Court on February 10, 2025. The DOJ filed a motion to quash the Writ and dismiss the case, alleging that it was improperly commenced due to untimely service. The motion is currently being briefed.

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

Reviewed and approved by Peter Rank, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Services
Electronically Signed 05/01/2025

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