



Item 8- Group Insurance Board

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Action Needed

The Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) recommends the Group Insurance Board (Board) authorize ETF to prepare and issue Request for Proposals (RFP) to select one or more vendors to provide Access Plan and State Maintenance Plan (SMP) options, effective January 1, 2028.

Brief Access and SMP History

January 2018

WEA became sole administrator of SMP/Access

June 2022

WEA announces exit from health insurance

Summer 2022

Shortened Access/SMP selection for PY 2024

August 2022

GIB approved Dean as sole administrator of SMP/Access

December 2022

WEA exits the GHIP

November 2024

RFI results shared with GIB



RFP Goals

Ensure competitive procurement and cost efficiency

Enhance member experience and service quality

Ensure network adequacy for both Access and SMP

Address exponential growth of local SMP counties

Explore innovative cost control options



Proposed RFP Timeline

Month/Year	Activity
November 2025	Initiate RFP project (with Board approval)
January 2026	Cross-functional team kickoff
April 2026	Post Access/SMP RFP
August 2026	Proposals due
December 2026	Evaluation committee completes evaluation process
February 2027	ETF presentation to the Board on the evaluation committee's findings
May 2027	New contracts negotiated and signed
September 2027	Implement contract(s); On-board new health plan(s), as needed
January 1, 2028	Start date of contract(s)
July 2028	Offboarding of current health plan vendor, as needed



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