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It's Your Choice Enrollment Period Proposed Kick-Off Meeting Date Set

It's Your Choice Enrollment Period Proposed for October 3 - 28, 2011

The proposed 2012 It's Your Choice Enrollment period is October 3 - 28, 2011. The Group Insurance Board (Board) is set to act on this recommendation at its June meeting. Last year, the It's Your Choice Enrollment period took place over four weeks —one week more than the traditional period. That additional week was well-received by many payroll representatives and we believe that a four-week period can be accommodated again this year.

Attend the It's Your Choice Kick-Off Meeting: September 21, 2011

Each year, ETF hosts an It's Your Choice meeting for local health employers' payroll and personnel representatives and health plan and pharmacy benefit representatives. ETF staff members share information and discuss procedures regarding the It's Your Choice Enrollment period. This year, the potential exists for a variety of important changes that could be made effective January 1, 2012. If you cannot attend this meeting, please watch for future *Bulletins* or e-mails from ETF on changes for next year.

Details for this year's It's Your Choice kick-off meeting are as follows:

Date: September 21, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Place: Mendota Mental Health Institute
Conference Center Building
301 Troy Drive
Madison, WI 53704-1521
Phone: (608) 301-1000

Attached is a map showing directions to the Mendota Mental Health Institute's Conference Center Building in Madison. Mendota Mental Health Institute is located on the north side of Madison on Lake Mendota. From either the north or south, take interstate 90/94 to Highway 30 into Madison. From Highway 30, exit to Highway 113 north toward the Dane County airport. Stay on Highway 113 (Northport Drive) and turn on either Troy Drive or Knutson Drive (look for the tall smokestack). For more detailed directions, go to Mendota Mental Health Institute's Internet site at: http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/MH_Mendota/directions/simpledirections.HTM

Parking Directions:

When traveling on Troy Drive to Mendota Mental Health Institute, turn left on North Road near the water tower and follow the signs to the Conference Center parking next to Building 107. The parking lot is a short walk to the Conference Center crossing over a service road (Lorenz Road), to

enter the building on the southeast side of the building. Handicap parking is located in the parking lot connected to the Conference Center/Food Service Building, with the handicap access on the southwest side of the building.

Potential Changes to the Standard Plan

The "classic" Standard Plan, available to employees under Program Option 2, is a base/major medical plan that is rarely offered in today's health insurance market. This type of plan is more challenging for members to understand, and for the health plan to administer. As such, the Group Insurance Board will be reviewing this plan and the other Standard Plans under Program Options 3, 4 and 5 to determine what benefit changes would be advisable in order to modernize them. These changes could be in place beginning January 1, 2012 and/or 2013.

Arrange Health Fairs Early

You are responsible for arranging your own health fairs. Contact the health plans and Navitus Health Solutions directly to invite their representatives to your health fair. Please select a date for your health fair that allows plenty of time for 2012 *It's Your Choice* booklets to arrive.

Updated Plan Contact List

The recently revised *Health Insurance Plan Contacts* (ET-1728, Rev. 4/11) can be found on ETF's Internet site at: http://etf.wi.gov/publications/et1728.pdf. This document contains each health plan's contacts for membership and coverage, claims, supplies, employee assistance programs, and complaints/grievances. The form is for employer use only, please do not provide your employees with these contacts. Employees should contact the health plan using the contact information on the inside back cover of the *It's Your Choice* booklet.

Questions

Employer questions may be directed to ETF's Employer Communication Center at (608) 264-7900, Option 1 (myETF Benefits System, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, or Income Continuation Insurance)or toll free at (888) 681-3952, Option 1 (myETF Benefits System, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, or Income Continuation Insurance).

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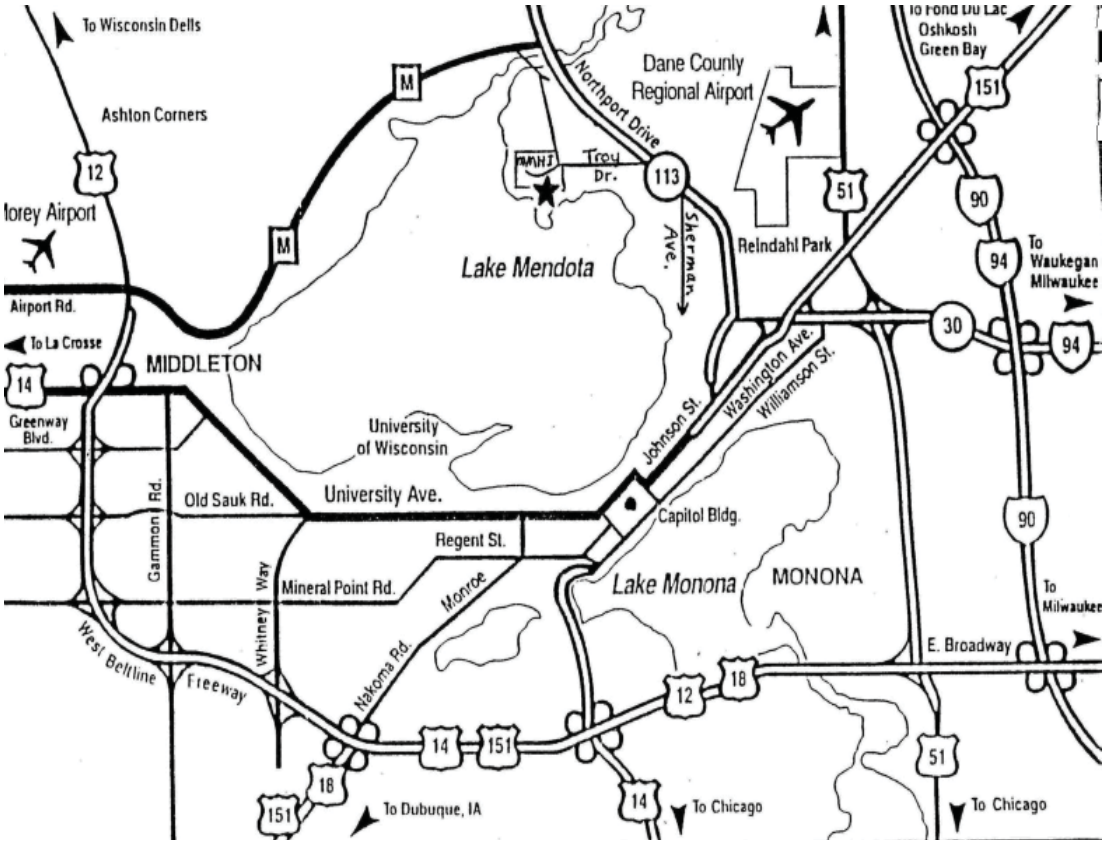
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