

**EXISTING EMPLOYER UPDATE RESOLUTION
WISCONSIN PUBLIC EMPLOYERS' GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

RESOLVED, by the Commission of the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan
(Governing Body) (Employer Legal Name) Sewerage District

that pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 40.51 (7) hereby determines to continue in the Wisconsin Public Employers (WPE) Group Health Insurance program that is offered to eligible personnel through the program of the State of Wisconsin Group Insurance Board (Board), and agrees to abide by the terms of the program as set forth in the *Local Employer Health Insurance Standards, Guidelines and Administration Manual* (ET-1144).

We will continue to participate in the program option in which we are currently enrolled. If we wish to elect a new program option for 2020 we will file a separate resolution to do so.

All participants in the WPE Group Health Insurance program need to be enrolled in a program option. Individual employees cannot choose between program options.

The resolution must be received by the Department of Employee Trust Funds as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, in order to continue participation without lapse. If more time is needed, contact ETF.

The proper officers are herewith authorized and directed to take all actions and make salary deductions for premiums and submit payments required by the Board to provide such Group Health Insurance.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, correct and complete copy of the resolution duly and regularly passed by the above governing body on the 9 day of April, year 2019 and that said resolution has not been repealed or amended, and is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 9 day of April, year 2019.

I understand that Wis. Stat. § 943.395 provides criminal penalties for knowingly making false or fraudulent statements, and hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is true and correct.

39-1225060
Federal tax identification number (FEIN/TIN)

Authorized employer representative signature

69-036- 4968
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Number of eligible employees 11

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To whom it may concern,

The Department of Employee Trust Funds is writing to inform you of a change that requires you, the governing body of your municipality (Board), to sign and submit an updated resolution to participate in the Wisconsin Public Employers group health insurance program (WPE-GHIP). This will not change the WPE-GHIP that is offered to your employees and retirees. **Please sign and return the attached resolution as soon as possible and no later than October 1, 2019 to continue participation in the WPE-GHIP.**

The reasons for the need of this new resolution are as follows:

1. ETF has created one reference source for the WPE-GHIP. Previously, information was provided in a variety of publications such as: the *Local Health Insurance Employer Administration Manual* (ET-1144), the contract between the Group Insurance Board and the participating health insurance providers (ET-1136) and several employer bulletins. These resources are now combined into the *Local Employer Health Insurance Standards, Guidelines and Administration Manual* (ET-1144).
2. The original resolution the Board signed stated that the Board agreed to abide by the terms of the program set forth in the contract between the Group Insurance Board and the participating health insurance providers. With the movement of those contract provisions to this new employer manual (ET-1144), that resolution is no longer accurate.

Contract provisions that were moved into this employer manual were not materially changed. Signing this agreement does not bind the Board into any new or substantially revised provisions that haven't already been communicated or implemented. The change was motivated by ETF's strategic initiative to provide an improved experience for administrative staff.

If you have questions or comments, please contact ETF at ETFSMBEmployerInsurance@etf.wi.gov or 1-877-533-5020 select option 2 (toll free) or 1-608-266-3285 select option 2 (local Madison area).

Sincerely,

The Department of Employee Trust Funds
Attachment: Resolution ET-1169



Employer *Bulletin*

Employer Communication Center 608-266-3285

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Action Required: New Employer Resolution Must be Submitted by October 1, 2019

The Department of Employee Trust Funds is pleased to inform you that your local employer health insurance reference tool, the local employer manual, has been fully updated and improved. It has been renamed and can be found as the [Local Employer Health Insurance Standards, Guidelines and Administration Manual \(ET-1144\)](#).

1. This change requires action on your part. In creating one document for ease of reference, ETF moved (but did not change) applicable contract provisions from the contract between the Group Insurance Board and the participating health insurance providers into this updated employer manual. This means that the resolution your governing body signed to participate in the Wisconsin Public Employers group health insurance program (WPE-GHIP) is no longer correct, since that resolution states that your board agrees to abide by the terms of the health insurance provider contract, not this updated employer manual.

All participating municipalities will need to file the [updated resolution \(ET-1169\)](#), which is also attached, to continue participating in the WPE-GHIP. **ETF asks that this be acted upon during your next available governing board meeting. To assist you in this, ETF has attached a letter that you may share with your board to explain the change.**

The new resolution must be submitted to ETF as soon as possible and no later than October 1, 2019 to continue in the WPE-GHIP. If you need more time, please contact ETF.

2. The reasons for this change are:
 - **Administrative ease.** Previously, employers had to refer to many documents, for example Employer Bulletins and the health insurance contract, to answer questions. Now all that information can be found in the Employer Manual to make searches easier for you.
 - **Updated content.** The former employer manual was out-of-date in many areas, including certain “how to” descriptions, and references to Long Term Disability Insurance (LTDI) and Domestic Partner information.
 - **Reorganized information.** When talking through the former manual it was difficult at times to make sure everyone was referring to the same location for information. ETF has re-numbered and slightly reorganized information to make such discussions easier.
 - For the future, ETF plans to adjust the manual to use more plan language.

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