

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Government Units

FROM: James J. Bradford, COO

Local Government Health Insurance Board

SUBJECT: Elected Officials Participating in the Local Government Health Insurance Plan

**FINAL NOTICE** 

The enrollment policy for elected officials participating in the Local Government Health Insurance Plan is as follows:

If a local government unit chooses to cover elected officials, each and every elected official of the unit must make a separate election of one of the following options:

- 1. **Enroll in the LGHIP** Elected officials may enroll in the LGHIP at the time the unit initially joins the LGHIP or within 30-days upon assumption of the elected office. Elected officials will be treated as full-time employees.
- 2. **Decline coverage in the LGHIP** Elected officials may decline coverage in the LGHIP at the time the unit initially joins the LGHIP or within 30-days upon assumption of the elected office. If a declination form with proof of other acceptable coverage\* is submitted, the elected official may enroll in the LGHIP at a later date upon loss of other employer group coverage or at open enrollment.
- 3. **Opt out of the LGHIP** If the elected official opts not to enroll in the LGHIP at the time the unit initially joins the LGHIP or within 30-days upon assumption of the elected office and does not submit a declination form with proof of other acceptable coverage\*, the elected official may only be offered the option to enroll in the LGHIP upon election to a new term of office.

Elected officials that fail to elect one of the above options will be treated as if they chose option 3.

An updated list of elected officials is required each year, regardless of whether the unit offers coverage to its elected officials.

<u>Please complete and return the enclosed form to the Local Government Health Insurance Board by May 1, 2019.</u>

\* Other acceptable coverage includes, but is not limited to: ACA qualified group and individual plans, Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid and Tricare.