

Email Subject Line: Get the Facts on What's Happening – August 2026 Updates

Dear Benefit-Eligible Employee,

Read the [Get the Facts on What's Happening](#) frequently asked questions resource document for facts on what was discussed related to the Group Health Insurance Plan (GHIP) at last month's State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) meeting and actions taken by the SEBC. The document is available on the [SEBC page](#) of the Statewide Benefits Office (SBO) website, in addition to lists of committee members, meeting schedules, meeting recordings, meeting materials, and more. In the **August 2026** edition, we provide answers to the following questions:

- What is the status of the Group Health Insurance Plan (GHIP) Health Fund?
- What is the status of the SEBC Subcommittees?
- What changes did Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 289 make to the SEBC?
- What is the status of the report that is required under Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Joint Resolution 7?
- What were the results of 2026 Open Enrollment?
- What changes are taking place with the assessments in the preventive care schedule?
- What changes are taking place with the weight management medication on the CVS formulary?
- What are the GHIP fertility benefit changes under the Highmark plans that went into effect on January 1, 2026?
- What proposed changes to the Coordination of Benefits policies were reviewed at the July meeting?
- What update was provided at the July SEBC meeting regarding a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Audit?
- What is the status of the Vision Benefit Request for Proposals (RFPs)?
- What is the status of the Health Data Warehouse Request for Proposals (RFPs)?
- What is the status of the calendar year 2026 Request for Proposals (RFPs)?

You are encouraged to visit the [SEBC page](#) monthly to stay up to date on discussions and decisions that impact your benefits.

Best of Health,

The State Employee Benefits Committee