

## Executive Director's Report

**Date:** January 14, 2026  
**To:** Group Insurance Commission  
**From:** Matthew Veno, Executive Director  
**Subject:** Executive Director's Report

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this memo is to provide Commissioners with the monthly Executive Director's report in writing. Questions and comments from Commissioners on the content of this memo are welcome during this portion of the agenda.

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

In December, we shared an update on known exposures for the current year, FY2026 budget totaling \$153M. We are continuing to monitor FY2026 spending levels, particularly pharmacy spending, and anticipate having a more refined forecast for the Commission in February. In the meantime, we have had further conversations with Administration and Finance about a potential supplemental budget for the GIC that could be filed in March. Our focus over the next few weeks will be to continue to refine the underlying fiscal details so we can prepare a realistic forecast for the rest of FY2026.

### **LEGISLATIVE & MUNICIPAL**

#### Legislative

With the start of the new year and the second year of the legislative cycle, legislative committees continue to report out legislation. Staff is tracking nearly 300 bills as they move through the process. On the budgetary front, GIC Leadership continues to hold conversations with the Administration about our needs for the upcoming fiscal year and will engage with the Legislature, as usual, during the legislative budget process.

#### Municipal

At this time, both the statutory deadline of December 1—by which municipalities have to state their intent to join the GIC—and the one-time extension that the GIC offered to Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust member units to submit supporting documentation by January 5, 2026 – have passed. The following 11 municipalities met all deadlines and will join the GIC effective July 1, 2026:

- Town of Bernardston
- Charles River Pollution Control District
- Town of Chesterfield
- Town of Franklin
- Franklin Regional Council of Governments
- Town of Grafton
- Town of Leyden
- City of Malden

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- Town of Oxford
- Pioneer Valley Regional School District
- Town of Southampton.

The GIC hosted a Kickoff Meeting for municipal entities on December 18, 2025, and staff are currently working with each municipality to draft communications to members and collect member data, a step that is critical to the onboarding process.

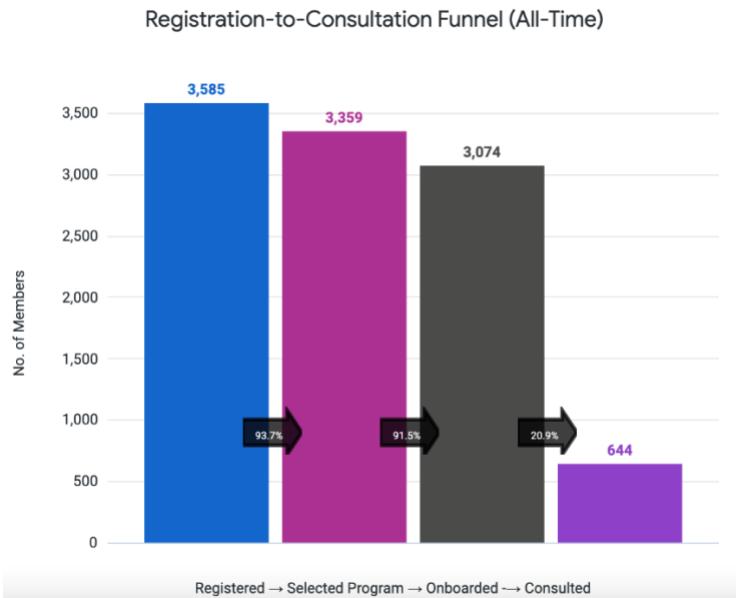
### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Vida Health program for weight loss and access to GLP-1s for weight loss was officially implemented on January 1, 2026. Members currently utilizing GLP-1s for weight loss received a letter in the two weeks leading up to the implementation date informing them that they could enroll in Vida beginning on January 1, 2026. As we noted previously, a 90-day grace period for members also kicked off on January 1st to give members ample time to enroll and complete Vida's requirements.

As of January 12<sup>th</sup>, GIC enrollment numbers with Vida are as follows:

- 3,585 GIC members have registered for Vida
- 492 of these registered members are spouses/dependents
- 3,359 members have selected a program (Medical Weight Loss)
- 3,074 have chosen their Registered Dietician.
- 644 have already completed their first consult
- 3,039 have had a Vida medical provider added to their care team

Below is a visual way to understand these numbers and the registration-to-consultation funnel:



The GIC team meets with the Vida team weekly to discuss upcoming communications efforts, address member questions and concerns, and review enrollment data. According to the Vida team, our initial

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enrollment numbers looks as expected and we will continue to monitor these through and beyond the end of the 90-day grace period. An alert also appears at the top of our website that directs members to a GIC-specific page on the Vida website where additional information is presented. Additional communications to remind those members who have not yet enrolled will continue regularly through the 90-day grace period and are currently scheduled as noted in the table below. We will continue to provide the Commission with updates as the implementation continues.

| Date                       | Collateral                                      | Population Reached  |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| 12/15/2025 &<br>12/18/2025 | Pre-launch Mailer                               | ~11k households (one per household for a population of 18,129); 12/18 sent to mounjaro population (~2600) |
| 1/2/2026                   | Launch Mailer                                   | ~142,019 households   |
| 1/6/2026                   | Transition Email                                | Sent to 10,700 unique email addresses   |
| 1/8/2026                   | Launch Email 1                                  |   |
| 1/13/2026                  | Transition Mailer                               |   |
| 1/14/2026                  | Launch Email 2                                  |   |
| 1/22/2026                  | Launch Email 3                                  |   |
| 1/30/2026                  | Launch Email 4                                  |   |
| Beginning 2/1/2026         | New hire/eligible campaign (2 emails, 1 mailer) |   |