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NOTICE TO HUMANA/OHP PLAN MEMBERS June 21, 2004

The Office of Group Benefits has been notified that Humana/OHP (formerly Ochsner Health Plan) has been unable to finalize a contract with the Tenet Healthcare Corporation. This affects the following hospitals:

- Doctors Hospital of Jefferson Metairie
- Kenner Regional Medical Center Kenner
- Lindy Boggs (Mercy) Medical Center New Orleans
- Meadowcrest Hospital Gretna
- Memorial Medical Center (Baptist) Uptown Campus New Orleans
- NorthShore Psychiatric Hospital Slidell
- NorthShore Regional Medical Center Slidell
- St. Charles General Hospital New Orleans

OGB does not control negotiations between Humana/OHP and Tenet. We do want to accommodate our plan members. **Therefore, OGB will allow Humana/OHP plan members 30 days to transfer to the PPO or EPO.** Transfer to our MCO will not be allowed, due to the fact that Tenet facilities are not part of the MCO network this year.

The 30-day period to change enrollment will extend from June 23 – July 21, 2004, for an effective date of August 1, 2004. **Active** plan members will need to fill out a GB-01 (change form) available in their agency HR office. Retired plan members need only send us a signed and dated note requesting a change to the PPO or EPO. Retirees should address this note to:

OGB Eligibility
P.O. Box 66678
Baton Rouge, LA 70896-6678

Humana/OHP plan members who change to the PPO or EPO during this change enrollment period can have their new premiums under the Flex Plan. You will need to complete a "Request for Change in Flex Plan Election Form," plus submit a copy of this notice. These forms are available in your agency HR/Payroll Department. The Qualified Event to be used is "Significant Curtailment of Coverage."

Employer

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Please call your local Customer Service office if you have any questions. We appreciate your understanding.