

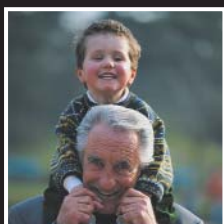
# Office of Group Benefits

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*OGB envisions itself as a leader in improving and preserving quality of life.*

## Mission

*OGB will offer an employee benefits system that meets or exceeds industry standards and/or benchmarks.*



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## For Your **BENEFIT**

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### Decision 2005: Be Prepared

*From the Desk of A. Kip Wall, CEO*

You have a decision to make and it's not an easy one. You must choose your health care coverage option for the 2005-2006 plan year. OGB is offering multiple plan options, and we care that you make the right decision for yourself and your family. This is one of the most important choices you'll make this year, even if you are fortunate enough to be healthy.

You need to familiarize yourself with all of your options to make an informed decision. Please do not wait until you or your loved ones are sick or injured before you learn about your health care plan.

Your colleagues at the Office of Group Benefits are using every tool in our box to give you the information you need to make the best decision for you and your family. Here are some of the ways you can get information:

- Attend an annual enrollment meeting. OGB is holding more than 375 meetings across the state, including special meetings for retirees. All these meetings are listed starting on page eight of this newsletter.
- Check with your HR office. We are holding seven special training sessions for our agency HR teammates in mid-March so they can help you with your questions.
- Go to our Web site [www.groupbenefits.org](http://www.groupbenefits.org). You can find text material, slide shows and videos, all of which are stuffed with useful information. You can even sit at your desk and attend an annual enrollment meeting by participating in a live webinar!
- Review an OGB publication. Our Interim Provider Directory, Helpful Information Book, Plan Comparison Brochure are available on our Website, in your HR office, at an



annual enrollment meeting and at our Customer Service field offices.

- Call your local Customer Service field office. You can obtain OGB publications and ask for help when choosing your health care plan.

We are reaching out to you to give you the information you need and welcome your suggestions to improve our efforts. You may e-mail your comments [suggestions@ogb.state.la.us](mailto:suggestions@ogb.state.la.us).

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We suggest you examine the plan comparison chart on pages six and seven to help you determine which plan best meets your needs. We have also compiled a list of questions and answers that might help guide you in making your decision.

You must complete an Annual Enrollment form only if you are changing plans.

One of the best stops you can make on your road to your decision is at one of the more than 375 Annual Enrollment meetings we are having across the state in April.

Best wishes for your *Decision 2005!*

## Destination: The Right Decision in 2005

The Office of Group Benefits is proud to announce that there will be no change in benefits or in plans offered for the 2005-2006 plan year. Because the health care industry across the country is undergoing significant benefit reductions and plan cancellations, you will be pleased that OGB will still have the stability of PPO, EPO, MCO and HMO options.

The only changes you might notice is that UnitedHealthcare will administer our EPO statewide and the MCO will have a more limited list of approved drugs, known as a formulary. Keep in mind, though, that formularies often change during the year.

It falls on your shoulders to decide which plan is best for you and your family. To help you with this decision, we have loaded this edition of *For Your Benefit* with easy-to-understand information to help you. As you page through this issue, you'll see our special *Decision 2005* emblem – a road map, if you will, to help you find the right choice.

Picking your plan during April Annual Enrollment is even more important, because you cannot switch plans during the plan year, which begins on July 1, 2005. Please remember that OGB did away with the "wild card" option last year.



## Got A Question? Here's An Answer!

These commonly asked questions may help you understand how to choose the best health care option for you and your family. The answers given here are general in nature, and specific exceptions may apply. Please see official plan documents – which are available on the OGB website – for details.

- 1.** I am now living out of state. Which plan should I choose?

*The only plan that offers a nationwide provider network is the EPO.*

- 2.** If I choose the PPO and I visit my cousin in Atlanta, what will my plan pay if I have to see a doctor about an ear ache?

*Because this is not a life-threatening illness, your benefits are restricted to 70 percent of a limited pre-set fee schedule. You will be responsible for paying 30 percent of the pre-set fee plus 100 percent of the difference between that limited fee schedule and whatever the provider actually bills you for. This can be a significant crunch to your pocketbook. We have seen plan members having to pay \$50,000 or more for a serious, but not life threatening illness.*

- 3.** My spouse takes five prescription drugs and I take six. Which plan should we select?

*When making your selection, keep in mind that the MCO has the most limited formulary, or list of approved drugs. Also, the MCO plan requires you to use generic drugs when available.*

- 4.** My family is relatively healthy and we hardly ever meet the deductible. Which selection should we make?

*The PPO and EPO have deductibles. The HMOs and MCO do not.*

- 5.** Where can I find the most up-to-date listing of providers in the PPO?

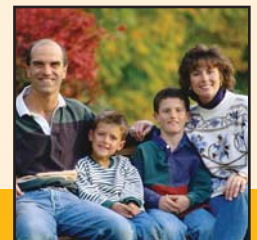
*The OGB Web site, [www.groupbenefits.org](http://www.groupbenefits.org), is updated daily and is the best source to check for providers. You can also access other plans through links on the OGB site.*

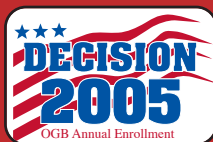
- 6.** I am a retiree and I am having trouble choosing the best plan for me. What should I do?

*You should plan to attend one of the special Annual Enrollment for retirees listed in this newsletter. We will distribute a special book and has a comparison chart dedicated solely to retirees with Medicare.*

- 7.** I have been in the PPO and I would like to transfer to an HMO or the MCO. Will I lose any years of participation for my vesting?

*No. The years you accumulate for vesting can come from any OGB plan or combination of OGB plans. The EPO, PPO, HMOs and MCO are all considered OGB plans.*





## MCO Announces Formulary Changes for 2005-2006 Plan Year

In order for OGB to continue offering the MCO plan, we are implementing several changes to the MCO formulary. The changes will be effective July 1, 2005, and will apply only to the MCO plan of benefits.

Currently, the MCO's drug plan includes a formulary and mandatory generics. Many drugs that are allowed in the 2004-2005 MCO plan will not be covered in the 2005-2006 MCO plan.

Next to this article, you will find a list of drugs currently covered that will not be covered effective July 1, 2005. In the right column is a list of alternatives. If you are currently taking a medication that will no longer be covered, you may want to discuss these changes with your doctor prior to the new plan year.

MCO members: Please note that you may continue to receive these medications provided that you pay the full cost of the drugs. In addition to this list, other drugs may require prior authorization.

(A printable "pocket formulary" will be available prior to July 1 and posted on the CatalystRx Web site, [www.catalystrx.com](http://www.catalystrx.com).)



All of the brand-name drugs in these charts will NOT be covered in the MCO after June 30, 2005.

Brand Name	Preferred Alternatives and Over-the-counter Options
<b>NEXIUM, ACIPHEX</b>	*OTC Prilosec, Generic Prilosec, Generic Acid, Generic Pepcid, Generic Tagamet, Generic Zantac, Protonix
<b>ZOLOFT, WELLBUTRIN XL, SARAFEM</b>	Vivactil, Tofranil-PM, Generic Luvox, Generic Paxil, Generic Prozac, Generic Remeron, Generic Wellbutrin SR, Effexor, Effexor XR, Lexapro, Paxil CR, Surmontil
<b>ALLEGRA, CLARINEX, ALLEGRA-D</b>	*OTC Alavert, *OTC Alavert-D, *OTC Claritin, *OTC Claritin-D, Generic Claritin
<b>AMBIEN, SONATA</b>	Generic Dalmane, Generic Halcion, Generic Restoril, Restoril 7.5
<b>HYZAAR, COZAAR, TARKA</b>	Generic Accuretic, Generic Accupril, Generic Capoten, Generic Lotensin/HCT, Generic Monopril, Generic Prinivil, Generic Prinzide, Generic Vasotec, Generic Zestoretic, Generic Zestril, Altace, Avalide, Avapro, Benicar/HCT, Cardizem LA, Norvasc, Lotrel, Verelan PM, Coreg, Catapres-TTS
<b>CELEBREX, BEXTRA</b>	Generic Clinoril, Generic Daypro, Generic Lodine/XL, Generic Motrin, Generic Naprosyn, Generic Relafen, Generic Voltaren/XR
<b>CRESTOR, PRAVIGARD PAC</b>	Generic Mevacor, Lipitor, Pravachol, Colestid, Vytorin, Zetia, Advicor, Welchol, Tricor, Niaspan
<b>LEVAQUIN, BIAXIN/XL</b>	Generic Amoxil, Generic Augmentin, Generic Ceclor/CD, Generic Ceftin, Generic Cipro, Generic Duricef, Generic E-Mycin, Generic Floxin, Generic Keflex, Avelox, Cefzil, Omnicef, Zithromax, Tequin, Ketek, Augmentin XR
<b>NASACORT AQ</b>	Generic Atrovent, Nasonex, Flonase, Rhinocort Aqua, Astelin
<b>ACTIVELLA, ESTRADERM, COMBIPATCH</b>	Cenestin, Climara, Estratab, FemHRT, Menest, Premarin, Prempro, Premphase, Vivelle/DOT, Estratest/HS

\*While over-the-counter (OTC) alternatives provide savings to members, OGB plans (including the MCO) do not pay for OTC drugs.

Brand Name	Preferred Alternatives and Over-the-counter Options
<b>BENZAFLIN</b>	Generic Sulfacet R, Generic Benzoyl, Generic Cleocin T, Generic Erycette, Generic Benzac
<b>TERAZOL</b>	*OTC Monistat, *OTC Gyne-Lotrimin, *OTC Mycelex, Generic Terazol 3-day cream, Generic Diflucan
<b>MAXALT, MLT, RELPAX</b>	Imitrex, Zomig
<b>ACCOLATE</b>	Singulair
<b>MENTAX, LOPROX, OXISTAT</b>	*OTC Lamisil, Generic Nizoral, Generic Spectazole
<b>ULTRAVATE</b>	Generic Diprolene, Generic Diprolene AF, Generic Temovate
<b>OXYTROL</b>	Generic Ditropan, Detrol/LA
<b>VISICOL</b>	*OTC Fleets enema, *OTC Dulcolax
<b>MAXAIR, AUTOHALER</b>	Generic Albuterol, Xopenex
<b>ZYMAR</b>	Generic Garamycin, Vigamox, Ciloxan, Ocuflax, Generic Cipro
<b>AVODART</b>	Generic Cardura, Generic Hytrin, Flomax, Proscar
<b>ACLOVATE, LOCOID, CORDRAN</b>	Generic Synalar, Generic Temovate, Generic Topicort, Generic Westcort, Generic Hytone, Generic Diprosone, Dermatop, Cortane
<b>ALREX</b>	Aloril, Patanol, Zaditor
<b>STALEVO</b>	Generic Sinemet and Comtan in combination
<b>DOSTINEX</b>	Generic Parlodel, Generic Cogentin, Generic Eldepryl, Generic Sinemet
<b>MYOBLOC</b>	None

Brand Name	Preferred Alternatives and Over-the-counter Options
<b>DUAC, AZELEX</b>	Generic Retin-A, Generic Sulfacet-R, Generic Cleocin-T, Generic Benzagel, Generic Erycette
<b>ANTABUSE</b>	Generic Valium, Generic Ativan
<b>TAMIFLU</b>	None
<b>DIPENTUM</b>	Generic Azulfidine, Asacol, Pentasa, Colazol
<b>ACCUNEB</b>	Generic Proventil, Generic Alupent, Generic Albuterol
<b>ALAMAST, OPTIVAR, ALOMIDE</b>	Alocril, Zaditor, Patanol, Livostin, Generic Mydracyl
<b>HELIDAC</b>	Prevpac, *OTC Bismuth, Generic Metronidazole, Generic Tetracycline (in combination)
<b>KYTRIL, ANZEMET</b>	Zofran, Generic Antivert, Generic Compazine, Generic Phenergan, Generic Tigan
<b>MALARONE</b>	Generic Vermox, Pyrazinamide, Dapsone, Mepron, Mintezol, Albenza
<b>VALCYTE</b>	Generic Cytovene, Generic Zovirax, Generic Flumadine, Generic Symmetrel, Valtrex



# How Do I Choose?

## Medical Benefits

### COVERED BENEFIT: IN NETWORK

### OGB PPO Plan

### EPO Plan (Administered by UHC)

Lifetime Maximum Benefit	All Regions \$1 million per person	Nationwide \$2 million per person
Plan Year Deductible Employees and dependents	\$500/active; \$300 retired Family Unit Maximum: 3 individual deductibles	\$300/active & retired; non-Co-pay services Family Unit Maximum: 3 individual deductibles
Maximum Out-Pocket Expense in Network	\$1000 per person	N/A
Hospital Services (inpatient) in network	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1,2</sup> \$50 per day/Max \$250 per admission	\$100 per day <sup>2</sup> Max of \$300 per admission
Surgeon, Anesthesia, Lab, & X-rays	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	Plan Covers at 100% <sup>1</sup>
Hospital Emergency Room (facility only)	\$150 separate deductible/waived if admitted Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	\$100 Co-pay/waived if admitted (Hospital Co-pay applies) <sup>2</sup>
Ambulatory Surgical Facilities	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	\$100 Co-pay
Physician Visits	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	\$15 PCP/\$25 Specialist (no referral required)
Maternity (physician only)	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	\$90 Co-pay
MRI/Cat Scan	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	\$50 Co-pay
Sonograms	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	\$25 Co-pay
Chemical/Radiation Therapy	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	Plan covers at 100% <sup>1</sup>
Pre-admission Testing	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	Plan covers at 100% <sup>1</sup>
Dialysis	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	Plan covers at 100% <sup>1</sup>
Cardiac Rehabilitation Therapy	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup> (within 6 mos.)	\$15 Co-pay (within 6 mos.)
Physical and Occupational Therapy	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	\$15 Co-pay
Speech Therapy <sup>2</sup>	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>	\$15 Co-pay
Oral Surgery (impacted tooth removal only)	Plan covers 100% of Fee Schedule	Plan covers 100% of Fee Schedule
Routine PAP Test	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate	Plan covers at 100%; one every 12 months
Routine Mammogram	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>4</sup>	Plan covers at 100% <sup>4</sup>
Routine PSA Screening	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>4</sup>	Plan covers at 100% <sup>4</sup> ; one every 12 months
Ambulance (transportation only) ground Licensed Air Ambulance	Plan considers a maximum to \$350 <sup>3</sup> less a \$50 co-payment Plan considers a maximum to \$1500 <sup>3</sup> less a \$250 co-payment	Plan considers a maximum to \$350 <sup>3</sup> less a \$50 co-payment Plan considers a maximum to \$1500 less a \$250 co-payment
Durable Medical Equipment \$50,000 Lifetime Maximum per person	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate	Plan covers 80% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>
Home Health Care <sup>2</sup> Limited to 150 visits year	Case Management Required Plan covers 70% of negotiated rate <sup>1</sup>	Case Management Required \$15 Co-pay
Hospice Care <sup>2</sup>	Case Management Required Plan covers 80% of negotiated rate	Case Management Required Plan pays 80% of negotiated rate <sup>2</sup>
Wellness Program Baby/Child Routine exams, scheduled immunizations Adult Physical exam, lab, x-ray Eye Exam/Annual	Plan covers 90% of Contracted Rate <sup>1</sup>  100% of eligible expenses to \$200 <sup>4</sup>  N/A	\$15 Co-pay for PCP Visits <sup>1</sup>  100% of eligible expenses to \$200 <sup>4</sup>  N/A
Prescription Drug Benefit In Network	Lifetime maximum: \$250,000 per person Member pays 50%; max. \$50 per 34 day fill After \$1200 per person per plan year Co-pay Brand - \$15, Generic - \$0	Lifetime maximum: \$250,000 per person Member pays 50%; max. \$50 per 34 day fill After \$1200 per person per plan year Co-pay Brand - \$15, Generic - \$0
Mail Order Drug Program	same as above	same as above
Mental Health & Substance Abuse/Inpatient <sup>2</sup> Max. 45 inpatient days person/plan year	Plan covers at 80% Separate \$200 deductible (in & out patient) Inpatient-\$50 per day-Max. 5 days	Plan covers at 80% Separate \$200 deductible (in & out patient) Inpatient-\$50 per day-Max. 5 days
Mental Health & Substance Abuse/Outpatient <sup>2</sup> Max. 52 visits/year	Plan covers at 80%	Plan covers at 80%

### COVERED BENEFIT: OUT-OF-NETWORK

Member resides in Louisiana

Plan covers 70% of fee schedule<sup>1</sup>

Separate \$300 deductible  
Plan covers 70% of fee schedule<sup>1</sup>

Member resides outside of Louisiana

Plan covers 90% of fee schedule<sup>1</sup>

Separate \$300 deductible  
Plan covers 70% of fee schedule<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Subject to plan year deductible and/or applicable co-insurance  
<sup>2</sup> Pre-authorization required

<sup>3</sup> Medical Supplies are subject to deductibles and co-insurance  
<sup>4</sup> Age and/or time restrictions apply

# MEDICAL BENEFIT COMPARISON



## Comparison/Active

### Humana HMO

### Vantage HMO

### MCO Plan (Administered by FARA)

Regions 1-8

Region 9

All Regions

None

\$2 million per person

\$1 million per person

None

None

None

\$1000 per person/\$3000 Family

N/A

N/A

\$100 per day

\$100 per day<sup>2</sup>

\$100 per day<sup>2</sup>

Max of \$300 per admission

Max of \$300 per admission

Max of \$300 per admission

Plan Covers at 100%

Plan Covers at 100%

Plan covers at 100%

\$100 Co-pay/waived if admitted  
(Hospital Co-pay applies)<sup>2</sup>

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\$15 PCP/ \$25 Specialist (no referral required)

\$15 PCP/\$25 Specialist (referral required)

\$15 PCP/\$25 Specialist (no referral required)

\$90 Co-pay

Plan covers at 100%<sup>2</sup>

\$90 Co-pay

\$50 Co-pay

Plan covers at 100%<sup>2</sup>

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\$15 Co-pay

Plan covers at 80% (18 visits)<sup>2</sup>

\$15 Co-pay

\$15 Co-pay

Plan covers at 80% (20 visits)<sup>2</sup>

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Plan covers at 100% after Co-pay

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Plan covers at 100%<sup>4</sup>

Plan covers at 100%

Plan covers at 100%

Plan covers at 100%<sup>4</sup>

Plan considers a maximum to \$350  
less a \$50 co-payment

Plan pays 80%  
interfacility transfers 100%

Plan considers a maximum to \$350  
less a \$50 co-payment

Plan considers a maximum to \$1500  
less a \$250 co-payment

Plan considers a maximum to \$1500  
less a \$250 co-payment

Plan covers 80% of Contracted Rate

Plan covers 80% of Contracted Rate<sup>2</sup>

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Plan covers at 100%

\$15 Co-pay

\$15 Co-pay

\$15 Co-pay<sup>4</sup>

\$15 Co-pay

\$15 Co-pay

\$15 Co-pay<sup>4</sup>; \$200 maximum

\$15 Co-pay

N/A

N/A

Lifetime maximum: \$250,000 per person

Lifetime maximum: \$250,000 per person

Member pays 50%; max. \$50 per 30 day fill

Generic - \$10 Co-pay

Member pays 50%; max. \$50 per 34 day fill

After \$1200 per person per plan year

Preferred - \$25 Co-pay

After \$1200 per person per plan year

Co-pay Brand - \$15, Generic - \$0

Non-preferred - \$40 Co-pay

Co-pay Brand - \$15, Generic - \$0

Formulary applies

Formulary applies

Formulary applies

same as above

Mandatory Generic required

Mandatory Generic required

\$100 per day/\$300 maximum

up to 90 day supply/2 Co-pays

same as above

Substance Abuse/limited to 20 days

\$100 per day/\$300 max./Mental Health

\$100 per day/\$300 max.

Plan covers 80% for Substance Abuse

\$25 Co-pay

\$25 Co-pay for Mental Health

\$25 Co-pay

Substance Abuse/limited to 30 days

80% Substance Abuse

Plan covers 70% of fee schedule

Emergencies are covered

Life & Limb Emergencies are Covered

\$1000 deductible

No out-of-network benefit<sup>2</sup>

No out-of-network benefits

Plan covers 70% of fee schedule

Emergencies are covered

Life & Limb Emergencies are Covered

\$1000 deductible; wellness not covered

No out-of-network benefit<sup>2</sup>

No out-of-network benefits

**This comparison chart is a summary of Plan features, however, for full details of the plan refer to the official plan document.**



# ANNUAL ENROLLMENT MEETINGS

## Acadia Parish

**April 11** LSU Rice Experiment Station  
Monday Caffery Rd. (North off Hwy 90E)  
8:30 AM Crowley 70527  
*Rice Station Employees Only*

**April 11** Acadia Parish Cooperative Extension  
Monday LSU Agricultural Center  
**11:00 AM\*** 157 Cherokee Drive  
1:30 PM Hwy 13 Crowley/Eunice Exit  
Crowley 70527  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Allen Parish

**April 4** Allen Parish School Board  
Monday Oakdale High School Auditorium  
10:00 AM 101 N.13th St.  
Oakdale 71463

**April 4** Allen Parish School Board  
Monday Media Center  
**2:00 PM\*** 417 W. Court Street  
4:30 PM Oberlin 70655  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Ascension Parish

**April 13** Holiday Inn–Gonzales  
Wednesday 1500 Highway 30  
**8:30 AM\*** Livingston Room  
10:30 AM Gonzales 70737  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Assumption Parish

**April 13** Assumption Parish School Board  
Wednesday Napoleonville Middle School Auditorium  
**2:30 PM\*** 4847 Highway 1  
5:00 PM Napoleonville 70390  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Avoyelles Parish

**April 4** Avoyelles Parish School Board  
Monday Board Room  
**10:00 AM\*** 221 Tunica Drive West  
4:00 PM Marksville 71351  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 5** Avoyelles Technical College  
Tuesday 508 Choupique Street  
2:30 PM Cottonport 71327

**April 6** Avoyelles Parish School Board  
Wednesday Board Room  
10:00 AM 221 Tunica Drive West  
Marksville 71351

**April 6** Avoyelles OFS  
Wednesday 607 Tunica Drive West  
1:30 PM Marksville 71351

**April 26** Avoyelles Correctional Center  
Tuesday 1630 Prison Road  
10:00 AM Cottonport 71327  
5:00 PM *Prison Employees Only*

**April 27** Avoyelles Correctional Center  
Wednesday 1630 Prison Road  
5:00 PM Cottonport 71327  
*Prison Employees Only*

## Beauregard Parish

**April 11** Beauregard Parish School Board  
Monday Deridder High School  
**3:00 PM\*** Cafeteria  
5:00 PM Deridder 70634  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 13** DOC Phelps Correctional  
Wednesday Dequincy 70633  
5:45 AM B & D team  
5:45 PM *Facility Employees only*

**April 15** DOC Phelps Correctional  
Friday Dequincy 70633  
5:45 AM A & C team  
5:45 PM *Facility Employees only*

## Bienville Parish

**April 18** Bienville Parish School Board  
Monday Ringgold School Complex  
3:30 PM 4044 Bienville Road (Hwy. 154)  
Ringgold 71068

**April 19** Bienville Parish School Board  
Tuesday Arcadia School Complex  
**1:00 PM\*** 967 Daniel Street  
3:30 PM Arcadia 71001  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*



## Bossier Parish

- April 4** DOTD District 4 Headquarters  
Monday 3365 Industrial Drive  
8:00 AM Conference Room  
10:00 AM Bossier City 71112
- April 5** Northwest Developmental Center  
Tuesday & Special School District I  
2:30 PM Colwell Activity Center Theatre  
5401 Shed Road  
Bossier City 71111
- April 12** Department of Agriculture  
Tuesday Meeting Room  
8:00 AM 740 Covington Road  
Haughton 71037
- April 20** Bossier Civic Center  
Wednesday Bodcau Room  
8:00 AM 620 Benton Road  
10:30 AM\* Bossier City 71111  
1:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*  
3:00 PM

## Caddo Parish

- April 4** Shreveport-Bossier Campus  
Monday Louisiana Technical College  
3:00 PM Building E Auditorium  
2010 N. Market  
Shreveport 71137
- April 6** LSU – Shreveport  
Wednesday University Center Theatre  
9:00 AM One University Place  
1:30 PM Shreveport 71115  
3:00 PM\* *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*
- April 8** Forcht Wade Correctional  
Friday 7990 Caddo Dr.  
2:00 PM Keithville 71047  
*Correctional employees only*
- April 11** LSU Health Science Center  
Monday 1st Floor, Room #400  
10:00 AM Medical School Auditorium  
2:00 PM 1501 Kings Highway  
Shreveport 71130  
*Benefits Fair 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*

**April 11** LSU Health Science Center  
Monday Hospital Private Dining Rm # CG 17  
7:00 PM 1501 Kings Highway  
Shreveport 71130

**April 13** Disability Determinations  
Wednesday Bldg. 2, 1st Floor Conference Room  
8:30 AM 2920 Knight Street  
Shreveport 71105

**April 13** State Office Bldg.  
Wednesday 2nd Floor, Room #205  
11:00 AM 1525 Fairfield Avenue  
Shreveport 71101

**April 22** State Office Bldg.  
Friday 2nd Floor, Room #205  
9:00 AM 1525 Fairfield Avenue  
Shreveport 71101

**April 22** Northwest Regional Center  
Friday for Addictive Disorders  
2:00 PM 6005 Financial Plaza  
1st Floor Training Room  
Shreveport 71129

## Calcasieu Parish

- April 6** Sowela Technical College  
Wednesday Cafeteria  
9:00 AM 3822 J. Bennett Johnston Parkway  
11:00 AM\* Lake Charles 70616  
2:00 PM *\*Special Meeting for retirees with Medicare*
- April 13** DHH – Region V  
Wednesday Room 39  
9:00 AM 2300 Broad St.  
11:00 AM\* Lake Charles 70601  
2:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*
- April 14** McNeese State University  
Thursday Baker Auditorium  
10:00 AM\* Farrar Hall  
1:00 PM Lake Charles 70609  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

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## Caldwell Parish

**April 7** Caldwell Parish School Board  
Thursday Caldwell Parish H.S. Auditorium  
**9:30 AM\*** 163 Spartan Drive  
1:00 PM US 165 South  
3:45 PM Columbia 71418  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Cameron Parish

**April 7** Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge  
Thursday 5476 Hwy 82  
10:00 AM Grand Chenier 70643

**April 7** Cameron Elementary Auditorium  
Thursday 510 Marshall Street  
**2:00 PM\*** Cameron 70631  
4:30 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Catahoula Parish

**April 21** Catahoula Parish School Board  
Thursday 200 Bushley Street  
**10:00 AM\*** Harrisonburg 71340  
3:30 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 21** Catahoula OFS  
Thursday 1305 Fourth Street  
1:00 PM Jonesville 71343

## Claiborne Parish

**April 7** Wade Correctional Institute  
Thursday Administration Building  
9:00 AM Highway 520 North  
Homer 71040  
*Correctional Employees Only*

**April 8** Wade Correctional Institute  
Friday Administration Building  
9:00 AM Highway 520 North  
Homer 71040  
*Correctional Employees Only*

**April 21** LSU – Hillfarm Research Station  
Thursday 11959 Highway 9  
**10:00 AM\*** Homer 71040  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 21** Claiborne Parish School Board  
Thursday Homer High School Auditorium  
3:30 PM 1008 North Main Street  
Homer 71040

## Concordia Parish

**April 11** Concordia Parish School Board  
Monday Board Room  
**1:00 PM\*** 4358 Hwy 84 West  
3:30 PM Vidalia 71373  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## DeSoto Parish

**April 21** DeSoto Parish Library  
Thursday Meeting Room  
**9:00 AM\*** 109 Crosby Street  
11:00 AM Mansfield 71052  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## East Baton Rouge Parish

**April 1** Public Safety  
Friday Training Academy Auditorium  
**8:30 AM\*** 7901 Independence Blvd.  
**10:00 AM\*** Baton Rouge 70806  
**1:00 PM\*** *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*  
**3:00 PM\*\*** *\*\*Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 1** Jetson Correctional Center for Youth  
Friday Lilac Bldg Class Room #1  
9:30 AM 15200 Old Scenic Hwy  
Baton Rouge 70874  
*Facility Employees only*

**April 4** DOTD: District 45 – Traffic Services  
Monday Conference Room  
8:30 AM 7686 Tom Drive  
10:30 AM Baton Rouge 70806

**April 4** DHH: Greenwell Springs Facility  
Monday Gymnasium  
9:30 AM 23260 Greenwell Springs Rd.  
Greenwell Springs 70739

**April 4** DHH: CAHSD  
Monday 2nd Floor Room 200  
1:00 PM 4615 Government Street  
Baton Rouge 70802



**April 5** Public Safety  
 Tuesday Training Academy Auditorium  
 8:30 AM\*\* 7901 Independence Blvd.  
 10:30 AM Baton Rouge 70806  
*\*\*Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 6** DOTD: District 61 Headquarters  
 Wednesday Large Conference Room  
 7:30 AM 8100 Airline Highway  
 9:00 AM Baton Rouge 70815  
 10:30 AM

**April 6** DSS: Headquarters  
 Wednesday 1st Floor Cafeteria  
 1:00 PM 755 North 3rd Street  
 Baton Rouge 70802

**April 7** Dept of Labor  
 Thursday 1001 North 23rd Street  
 8:30 AM Baton Rouge 70802  
 10:30 AM

**April 7** LSU -Pennington Biomedical  
 Thursday Conference Ctr. Main Auditorium  
 9:00 AM 6400 Perkins Road  
 Baton Rouge 70808  
*Pennington Employees Only*

**April 7** LSU-Agriculture Center  
 Thursday Efferson Hall Room 214  
 1:00 PM J.Norman Efferson Hall  
 (Corner of E. Parker Blvd & Highland Rd)  
 Baton Rouge 70803

**April 8** Department of Education  
 Friday Claiborne Building  
 8:30 AM 1st Floor Auditorium – Rm. 100  
 10:30 AM\*\* (LA Purchase Bd. Room)  
 1:00 PM 1201 North 3rd Street  
 Baton Rouge 70801  
*\*\*Interpreter for the hearing impaired*

**April 8** DOTD: Headquarters  
 Friday 1201 Capitol Access Road  
 8:30 AM 1st Floor Auditorium  
 10:30 AM Baton Rouge 70802  
 1:00 PM *\*\*Interpreter for hearing impaired*  
 2:30 PM\*\*

**April 8** La Senate, Office of Governor, Justice  
 Friday and House of Representatives  
 10:00 AM Committee Room-5 (State Capitol)  
 Baton Rouge, 70802

**April 11** Natural Resources / Department of Revenue  
 Monday LaSalle Building  
 8:30 AM\*\* 1st Floor Labell Hearing Room  
 10:30 AM 617 North 3rd Street  
 1:00 PM Baton Rouge 70802  
*\*\*Interpreter for the hearing impaired*

**April 11** L A S E R S  
 Monday 4th Floor Auditorium  
 9:00 AM 8401 United Plaza Blvd.  
 10:30 AM Baton Rouge 70804  
 1:30 PM\*\* *\*\*Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 12** Division of Administration  
 Tuesday Claiborne Building  
 8:30 AM\*\* 1st Floor Auditorium – Room 100  
 10:30 AM (La Purchase Room)  
 1:30 PM 1201 North 3rd Street  
 Baton Rouge 70801  
*\*\*Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 12** Louisiana Public Broadcasting  
 Tuesday Auditorium  
 9:30 AM 7733 Perkins Road  
 Baton Rouge 70810  
*Facility Employees Only*

**April 12** Louisiana State University  
 Tuesday Vet. Med Auditorium  
 1:30 PM\*\* So. Stadium Road/Skip Bertman Drive  
 Baton Rouge 70803  
*\*\*Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 13** LSU-Facility Services  
 Wednesday Facility Service Building  
 7:30 AM CEBA Lane, Room 132  
 3:30 PM Baton Rouge 70802  
*LSU Facility Employees Only*

**April 13** Department of Corrections  
 Wednesday Cafeteria Conference Room-B  
 8:30 AM 504 Mayflower Street  
 10:30 AM Baton Rouge 70804

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**April 14** La. Office of Student Financial Assistance  
 Thursday 11th Floor Conference Room  
 8:30 AM 1885 Wooddale Boulevard  
 10:30 AM\* Baton Rouge 70806  
 1:30 PM \* *LOSFA Employees Only @ 10:30 AM*

**April 14** Louisiana State University  
 Thursday Union-Royal Cotillion Ballroom  
 10:30 AM\*\* Baton Rouge 70803  
 \*\**Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 14** Department of Insurance  
 Thursday Poydras Building, Room 101 A  
 2:30 PM 1702 North Third Street  
 Baton Rouge 70802

**April 15** Southern University  
 Friday Student Union  
 9:00 AM\* Blue & Gold Room  
 10:30 AM Harding Blvd (SU Campus)  
 1:30 PM Baton Rouge 70813  
 \**Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 15** Louisiana State University  
 Friday Union-Royal Cotillion Ballroom  
 10:00 AM Baton Rouge 70803  
 3:00 PM *Benefits Fair 10AM to 3PM*

**April 15** School for the Deaf  
 Friday Auditorium  
 10:30 AM\*\* 2888 Brightside Lane  
 1:30 PM\*\* Baton Rouge 70821  
 \*\**Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 18** DOTD: Materials and Lab  
 Monday Conference Room  
 8:00 AM 5080 Florida Blvd.  
 10:00 AM Baton Rouge 70806

**April 18** Department of Environmental Quality  
 Monday 602 N. Fifth Street  
 8:30 AM Conference Room  
 10:30 AM\*\* Baton Rouge 70801  
 1:00 PM \*\**Interpreter for the hearing impaired*

**April 18** LSU-Agriculture Center  
 Monday Efferson Hall Room 214  
 9:00 AM J. Norman Efferson Hall  
 (Corner of E. Parker Blvd & Highland Rd.)  
 Baton Rouge 70803

**April 18** La Senate, Office of Governor, Justice  
 Monday and House of Representatives  
 2:00 PM Committee Room-5 (State Capitol)  
 Baton Rouge, 70802

**April 19** LSU-Facility Services  
 Tuesday Facility Service Building  
 7:30 AM CEBA Lane, Room 132  
 Baton Rouge 70802  
*LSU Facility Employees Only*

**April 19** Natural Resources / Department of Revenue  
 Tuesday LaSalle Building  
 8:30 AM 1st Floor Labell Hearing Room  
 10:30 AM 617 North 3rd Street  
 1:00 PM Baton Rouge 70802

**April 19** LSU – Pennington Biomedical  
 Tuesday Conference Center – Main Auditorium  
 1:00 PM 6400 Perkins Road  
 Baton Rouge 70808

**April 20** LSU Medical Center  
 Wednesday Earl K. Long Facility  
 8:00 AM Family Practice Unit Building – Classroom  
 5825 Airline Highway  
 Baton Rouge 70805

**April 20** Wildlife and Fisheries  
 Wednesday Louisiana Room  
 9:00 AM 2000 Quail Drive  
 Baton Rouge, 70808

**April 20** Louisiana State University  
 Wednesday Union-Royal Cotillion Ballroom  
 10:30 AM\*\* Baton Rouge 70803  
 1:00 PM \*\**Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 20** Baton Rouge Housing Authority  
 Wednesday Conference Room  
 2:00 PM 4731 North Blvd  
 Baton Rouge 70805

**April 21** Attorney General's Office  
 Thursday Conference Room  
 8:00 AM Livingston Building  
 10:30 AM 1885 North 3rd Street  
 2:00 PM Baton Rouge 70802



**April 21** Baton Rouge Community College  
Thursday 1st Floor Conference Room  
10:30 AM Louisiana Building  
5310 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge 70806

**April 21** DSS: Office of Family Support  
Thursday North District  
1:00 PM 2nd Floor Conference Room  
2751 Wooddale Blvd.  
Baton Rouge 70805

**April 22** DOTD: Research and Development  
Friday Conference Room  
9:00 AM 4101 Gourrier Drive  
Baton Rouge 70808

**April 22** LSU Medical Ctr./Earl K. Long Facility  
Friday Family Practice Unit Bldg.-Classroom  
10:30 AM 5825 Airline Hwy  
Baton Rouge 70805

**April 22** DHH: EBR Parish Health Unit  
Friday 2nd Floor Waiting Room  
1:30 PM 353 North 12th Street  
Baton Rouge 70802

**April 25** LSU-Pennington Biomedical  
Monday Conference Ctr. Main Auditorium  
9:30 AM\* 6400 Perkins Road  
Baton Rouge 70808  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 25** DSS: EBR Office of Community Services  
Monday 160 South Ardenwood  
1:30 PM OCS Training Room 319  
Baton Rouge 70806

**April 26** Department of Agriculture & Forestry  
Tuesday First Floor Auditorium  
8:00 AM 5825 Florida Blvd.  
10:00 AM Baton Rouge 70806  
2:00 PM

**April 26** DSS: Office of Family Support  
Tuesday South District  
1:00 PM Large Conference Room  
1919 North Blvd.  
Baton Rouge 70806

**April 27** Office of Group Benefits  
Wednesday 1st Floor Auditorium  
8:00 AM 5825 Florida Boulevard  
10:30 AM\*\* Baton Rouge 70806  
2:00 PM OGB Employees Only  
*\*\*Interpreter for hearing impaired*

**April 27** First Circuit Court of Appeals  
Wednesday La Legislative Auditors  
10:30 AM 2nd Floor, Courtroom #1  
1600 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge 70802

### East Carroll Parish

**April 11** LTC – Margaret Surles Branch  
Monday Highway 883-1 West  
1:00 PM\* Lake Providence 71254  
3:30 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

### East Feliciana Parish

**April 1** Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System  
Friday Old Main Recreation Hall  
9:00 AM Highway 10  
Jackson 70748

**April 4** Villa Feliciana Medical Complex  
Monday Old Activity Building  
2:00 PM 4980 Highway 10  
Jackson 70748

**April 7** East Feliciana Parish School Board  
Thursday Central Office – Board Room  
2:00 PM\* 12732 Spillman Street  
Clinton 70722  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 7** East Feliciana Parish School Board  
Thursday Clinton High School  
4:00 PM 10410 Plank Road  
Clinton 70722

**April 19** Dixon Correctional Institute  
Tuesday Highway 68  
5:45 AM Jackson 70748  
6:45 AM *\*Administrative Staff Only*  
8:30 AM\*  
5:45 PM

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**April 20** Dixon Correctional Institute  
Wednesday Highway 68  
5:45 AM Jackson 70748  
5:45 PM

## Evangeline Parish

**April 20** DOTD-Maintenance & Project Engineers  
Wednesday LA Highway 376  
8:00 AM Vidrine 70586

**April 20** DSS: OFS & OCS  
Wednesday 410 W. LaSalle Street  
1:00 PM Ville Platte 70586

**April 20** Evangeline Parish School Board  
Wednesday Mamou High School Auditorium  
4:30 PM 912 7th Street  
Mamou 70554

**April 21** Coriel Campus—LA Technical College  
Thursday 1124 Vocational Drive  
1:30 PM Ville Platte 70586

**April 21** Evangeline Parish School Board  
Thursday Ville Platte High School  
4:30 PM\* Auditorium  
210 W. Cotton  
Ville Platte 70586  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Franklin Parish

**April 12** D.O.T.D – District 58 Headquarters  
Tuesday Conference Room  
10:00 AM 6217 Highway 15  
Chase 71324

**April 12** Franklin Parish School Board  
Tuesday Board Room  
1:00 PM\* 7293 Prairie Street  
4:00 PM Highway 4 West  
Winnsboro 71295  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Grant Parish

**April 11** Colfax Banking  
Monday Community Room  
12:30 PM\* 625 8th Street  
2:30 PM Colfax 71417  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 11** Grant Parish School Board  
Monday Board Room  
4:00 PM 512 Main Street  
Colfax 71417

## Iberia Parish

**April 6** Louisiana Technical College  
Wednesday Teche Area Campus  
3:00 PM 609 Ember Dr. (Acadiana Regional Airport)  
New Iberia 70562  
*LTC Employees Only*

**April 14** ULL- Iberia Research Center  
Thursday Auditorium  
9:00 AM\* 4401 West Admiral Doyle  
11:00 AM New Iberia 70562  
2:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Iberville Parish

**April 14** Hunt Correctional Center  
Thursday K-Building  
5:45 AM Hwy. 74  
5:45 PM St. Gabriel 70764

**April 15** Hunt Correctional Center  
Friday Hwy. 74  
5:45 AM *K-Building (Facility employees only)*  
6:45 AM Field House  
7:45 AM C-Building  
8:30 AM Administration Employees  
5:45 PM *K-Building (Facility employees only)*  
St. Gabriel 70764

**April 18** State of Louisiana Military Dept.  
Monday 5445 Point Clair Road  
9:30 AM Building 9 (Theater Auditorium)  
Carville 70721

**April 19** DSS/OCS/OFS  
Tuesday 24710 Plaza Drive  
8:30 AM (Medicaid Office )  
10:00 AM\* Plaquemine 70764  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 21** LA Correctional Inst. for Women  
Thursday Hwy. 74  
5:45 AM\* St. Gabriel 70764  
8:00 AM Administration ( Employees Only )  
5:45 PM\* *\*Facility employees only*



**April 22** LA Correctional Inst. for Women  
 Friday Hwy. 74  
 5:45 AM\* St. Gabriel 70764  
 5:45 PM\* *\*Facility employees only*

### Jackson Parish

**April 14** Jackson Parish School Board  
 Thursday Central Office Board Room  
 1:30 PM\* 315 Pershing Hwy.  
 4:00 PM Jonesboro 71251  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

### Jefferson Parish

**April 1** DOTD-District 2  
 Friday Board Room  
 9:00 AM 1440 Highway 90  
 Bridge City 70094

**April 6** Jefferson Parish School Board  
 Wednesday Bonnabel High School Board Room  
 9:30 AM 2801 Bruin Drive  
 Kenner 70065

**April 6** DHH-Office of Public Health  
 Wednesday Health Unit Auditorium  
 3:00 PM 1855 Ames Blvd.  
 Marrero 70072

**April 6** Jefferson Parish School Board  
 Wednesday Bonnabel High School Board Room  
 5:30 PM 2801 Bruin Drive  
 Kenner 70065

**April 12** Jefferson Parish School Board  
 Tuesday 2nd Floor Auditorium  
 9:30 AM 501 Manhattan Blvd.  
 Harvey 70058

**April 12** Jefferson Parish School Board  
 Tuesday 2nd Floor Auditorium  
 5:30 PM 501 Manhattan Blvd.  
 Harvey 70058

**April 13** DSS/OFS – Disability Determinations  
 Wednesday 4th Floor Conference Room  
 1:00 PM\*\* 3510 N. Causeway Blvd.  
 Metairie 70002  
*\*\*Interpreter for the hearing impaired*

**April 14** Harvey State Office Building  
 Thursday 3rd Floor Conference Room  
 9:00 AM 2150 Westbank Expressway  
 Harvey 70058

**April 15** Harvey State Office Building  
 Friday 3rd Floor Conference Room  
 8:30 AM\* 2150 Westbank Expressway  
 Harvey 70058  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 19** DSS-Office of Community Services  
 Tuesday 5th Floor Conference Room  
 2:00 PM 800 W. Commerce Road  
 Harahan 70123

**April 21** Jefferson Parish East Bank Library  
 Thursday Rooms A&B  
 12:30 PM\* 4747 W. Napoleon Avenue  
 Metairie 70001  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 22** LA Technical College-District 1  
 Friday Room 31  
 1:00 PM 5200 Blair Drive  
 Metairie 70001

**April 25** DOTD – District 2  
 Monday Board Room  
 1:00 PM 1440 Highway 90  
 Bridge City 70094

### Jefferson Davis Parish

**April 5** Louisiana Technical College-Jeff Davis  
 Tuesday Morgan Smith Auditorium  
 10:00 AM\* 1230 N. Main St.  
 1:30 PM Jennings 70546  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 5** Northside Jr. High School  
 Tuesday Northside Cafeteria  
 4:00 PM 208 Shankland Ave.  
 Jennings 70546



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## Lafayette Parish

**April 4** Holiday Inn Central Holidome  
Monday 2032 NE Evangeline Thruway  
9:00 AM\* Lafayette 70501  
11:00 AM\* *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*  
1:00 PM\*

**April 7** LSU-University Medical Center  
Thursday Voohries Auditorium  
8:00 AM 2390 West Congress Street  
10:30 AM Lafayette 70502  
1:30 PM

**April 8** Tyler Mental Health Center  
Friday Auditorium  
9:00 AM 302 Dulles Drive  
Lafayette 70506

**April 12** DOTD-District 3 Headquarters  
Tuesday 428 Hugh Wallis Road  
9:00 AM Lafayette 70506  
*DOTD Employees Only*

**April 15** Clifton Chenier Community Service Center  
Friday 220 W. Willow St.  
10:00 AM Town Hall Building 6  
1:00 PM P.O. Box 4017-C  
Lafayette 70502

**April 20** University of Louisiana-Lafayette  
Wednesday Bayou Bijou Theatre  
8:30 AM Student Union  
10:30 AM 600 McKinley Street  
1:30 PM Lafayette 70504

## Lafourche Parish

**April 14** Nichols State University  
Thursday Talbot Theatre  
8:30 AM\* LA Highway 1  
10:30 AM Thibodaux 70301  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 14** Peltier Lawless Developmental Center  
Thursday Annex Building  
1:00 PM 690 E. First Street  
Thibodaux 70301

**April 14** Nichols State University  
Thursday Powell Auditorium  
3:00 PM LA Highway 1  
Thibodaux 70301

## LaSalle Parish

**April 19** Dept of Agriculture and Forestry  
Tuesday Hwy 165 North  
9:00 AM Olla 71465

**April 19** La Cooperative Extension Service  
Tuesday Meeting Room—Downstairs  
12:30 PM\* Courthouse  
2:30 PM Jena 71342  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 19** LaSalle Parish School Board  
Tuesday Media Center  
4:00 PM 1st and Elm Street  
Jena 71342

## Lincoln Parish

**April 14** Louisiana Tech University  
Thursday Wyly Tower Auditorium  
9:30 AM Railroad Avenue  
Ruston 71272

**April 15** Louisiana Tech University  
Friday Hall of Fame Room  
9:30 AM\* Thomas Assembly Center  
1650 West Alabama  
Ruston 71272  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 15** Louisiana Tech University  
Friday Wyly Tower Auditorium  
1:30 PM Railroad Avenue  
Ruston 71272

**April 19** Grambling State University  
Tuesday Grambling Hall Auditorium  
1:30 PM 100 Founder Street  
Grambling 71245

## Livingston Parish

**April 6** Livingston Parish School Board  
Wednesday Conference Room  
3:00 PM\* 13922 Florida Blvd  
5:00 PM Livingston, 70724  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 7** Livingston Parish School Board  
Thursday Conference Room  
5:00 PM 13922 Florida Blvd  
Livingston 70724



## Madison Parish

**April 8** Madison Parish School Board  
 Friday Tallulah Elementary School  
 1:00 PM\* Auditorium  
 3:30 PM 1100 Johnson Street  
 Tallulah 71284  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Morehouse Parish

**April 5** LSU Agriculture Center  
 Tuesday Auditorium  
 10:00 AM 9609 Marlett Street  
 1:00 PM\* Bastrop 71221  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 5** Morehouse Parish School Board  
 Tuesday Bastrop High School Cafeteria  
 4:00 PM 402 Highland Street  
 Bastrop 71220  
*School Board Employees Only*

## Natchitoches Parish

**April 14** Martin Luther King Center  
 Thursday 660 Martin Luther King Drive  
 9:00 AM\* Natchitoches 71457  
 1:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 19** Northwestern State University  
 Tuesday Magale Recital Hall  
 10:00 AM Creative & Performing Arts  
 1:00 PM Central Avenue  
 Natchitoches 71497

**April 19** Natchitoches Parish School Board  
 Tuesday Media Center  
 3:30 PM 310 Royal Street  
 Natchitoches 71457

## Orleans Parish

**April 1** Department of Revenue & Taxation  
 Friday 5th Floor Auditorium  
 1:00 PM 1515 Poydras Street  
 New Orleans 70112

**April 4** New Orleans State Office Building  
 Monday Room 409  
 9:00 AM 325 Loyola Avenue  
 10:30 AM New Orleans 70112  
 2:00 PM

**April 5** University Hospital  
 Tuesday 4th Floor Auditorium  
 8:30 AM 2021 Perdido Street  
 New Orleans 70112

**April 5** Medical Center of Louisiana  
 Tuesday 2nd Floor Auditorium  
 1:30 PM 1532 Tulane Avenue  
 3:00 PM New Orleans 70112

**April 7** Medical Center of Louisiana  
 Thursday 2nd Floor Auditorium  
 8:30 AM 1532 Tulane Avenue  
 10:00 AM New Orleans 70112

**April 7** University Hospital  
 Thursday 4th Floor Auditorium  
 1:00 PM 2021 Perdido Street  
 New Orleans 70112

**April 8** LSU Dental School  
 Friday Auditorium C-Administration Building  
 10:00 AM 1100 Florida Avenue  
 New Orleans 70119

**April 8** Civil District Court  
 Friday Jury Pool Room 319  
 3:00 PM 421 Loyola Avenue  
 New Orleans 70112

**April 11** Housing Authority of New Orleans  
 Monday Board Room-Building B  
 1:00 PM 4100 Touro Street  
 New Orleans 70122

**April 11** University of New Orleans  
 Monday Ballroom 203  
 3:00 PM University Center-Lakefront Campus  
 New Orleans 70148

**April 12** LSU Medical School New Orleans  
 Tuesday Auditorium B  
 1:30 PM Medical Education Building  
 1901 Perdido Street  
 New Orleans 70112

**April 13** DSS/OCS Regional Office  
 Wednesday 10th Floor Conference Room #1035  
 8:00 AM 1010 Common Street  
 New Orleans 70112

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**April 13** DHH/Metro Region 1  
 Wednesday 3rd Floor Conference Room  
 10:00 AM 1010 Common Street  
 New Orleans 70112

**April 15** Delgado Community College  
 Friday Student Life Center  
 1:00 PM Dolphin Dining Rm, 1st Floor  
 501 City Park Avenue  
 New Orleans 70119

**April 18** DSS/OFS  
 Monday 2nd Floor Conference Room  
 8:30 AM\* 6800 Plaza Drive  
 New Orleans 70127  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare  
 (Enter doors near I-10)*

**April 19** DSS/OFS  
 Tuesday 2nd Floor Conference Room  
 9:00 AM 6800 Plaza Drive  
 New Orleans 70127  
*(Enter doors near I-10)*

**April 20** DSS/OFS  
 Wednesday 2nd Floor Conference Room  
 10:00 AM 100 S. Tonti Street  
 New Orleans 70119

**April 20** Department of Military Affairs  
 Wednesday Museum Theatre  
 1:00 PM Jackson Barracks  
 New Orleans 70146

**April 21** University of New Orleans  
 Thursday Ballroom 203  
 9:00 AM\*\* University Center-Lakefront Campus  
 New Orleans 70148  
*\*\*Interpreter for the hearing impaired*

**April 22** Crescent City Connection-DOTD  
 Friday 2001 Mardi Gras Blvd.  
 9:00 AM New Orleans 70114

**April 25** Southern University of New Orleans  
 Monday Clark Building-Audio Visual Room 109  
 11:00 AM 6400 Press Drive  
 New Orleans 70126

**April 26** New Orleans Home & Rehabilitation  
 Tuesday 2nd Floor Board Room  
 1:00 PM 612 Henry Clay Avenue  
 New Orleans 70118

**April 27** New Orleans Center for Creative Arts  
 Wednesday Lupin Theatre, 1st Floor  
 8:30 AM 2800 Chartres Street  
 New Orleans 70117

**April 27** Crescent City Connection-DOTD  
 Wednesday 2001 Mardi Gras Blvd.  
 1:30 PM New Orleans 70114

## Ouachita Parish

**April 4** University of LA at Monroe  
 Monday Nursing Auditorium  
 10:00 AM\* 700 University Avenue  
 1:00 PM Monroe 71209  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 6** University of LA at Monroe  
 Wednesday Nursing Auditorium  
 9:00 AM 700 University Avenue  
 Monroe 71209

**April 6** LTC – Delta Ouachita Campus  
 Wednesday Cafeteria  
 3:30 PM 609 Vocational Parkway  
 West Monroe 71291

**April 8** D.O.T.D – District 5 Headquarters  
 Friday 8010 DeSiard Street  
 8:00 AM Monroe 71211  
*DOTD Employees Only*

**April 18** NE LA War Veterans Home  
 Monday 6700 Highway 165 North  
 9:00 AM Monroe 71203

**April 18** LSU Medical Center – Monroe  
 Monday Conference Hall – 2nd floor  
 1:00 PM 4864 Jackson Street  
 Monroe 71210

**April 18** Monroe City School Board  
 Monday Media Center  
 4:00 PM 2009 Auburn Avenue  
 Monroe 71201



**April 22** State Office Building  
Friday Room 242 – A  
9:00 AM 122 St. John Street  
1:00 PM Monroe 71201

**April 25** Ouachita Parish School Board  
Monday Media Center  
4:00 PM 701 St. John Street  
Monroe 71201

## Plaquemines Parish

**April 18** Metropolitan Developmental Center  
Monday Administration Building  
**1:00 PM\*** Conference Room  
2:30 PM 251 F. Edward Hebert Blvd.  
Belle Chasse 70037  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Pointe Coupee Parish

**April 5** DOTD: Maintenance Highway Unit  
Tuesday 3151 Hospital Road  
7:00 AM New Roads 70760

**April 5** Pointe Coupee Parish School Board  
Tuesday Pointe Coupee Central H. S. Cafeteria  
**9:00 AM\*** 8434 Pointe Coupee Road  
New Roads 70760  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 5** La Technical College – Jumonville  
Tuesday 605 Hospital Road  
11:00 AM New Roads 70760

**April 5** Pointe Coupee Parish School Board  
Tuesday Pointe Coupee Central H. S. Cafeteria  
5:00 PM 8434 Pointe Coupee Road  
New Roads 70760

**April 20** DSS: Office of Family Support  
Wednesday 120 Alamo Street  
1:00 PM New Roads 70760

## Rapides Parish

**April 5** Military Dept.  
Tuesday Post Theatre  
9:00 AM 720 E. Street—Camp Beauregard  
Pineville 71360

**April 5** Joseph Levy Dabadie Correctional Center  
Tuesday Visitors Center  
1:00 PM 1453 15th Street—Camp Beauregard  
Pineville 71360  
*Facility Employees only*

**April 6** Huey P. Long Hospital  
Wednesday Administration Building  
9:00 AM Hospital Blvd.  
1:30 PM Pineville 71360

**April 7** LSU-Alexandria  
Thursday BBCA (Caffey Annex)  
10:00 AM East Room  
1:30 PM Hwy 71 South  
Alexandria 71301  
*Benefits Fair 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m.*

**April 11** Wildlife & Fisheries  
Monday Conference Room  
8:30 AM Hwy 71 North  
Tioga 71477

**April 11** DOTD District 8 HQ  
Monday District Training Building  
9:00 AM 3300 MacArthur Drive  
Alexandria 71306

**April 13** Pinecrest Developmental Center  
Wednesday Gymnasium  
10:00 AM South Avenue—Pinecrest Grounds  
**1:00 PM\*** Pineville 71360  
3:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 13** Rapides Parish School Board  
Wednesday Media Center, Room 1 & 2  
4:00 PM 6th Street  
Alexandria 71301

**April 14** Central Louisiana State Hospital  
Thursday Wilkerson Hall  
10:00 AM 242 W. Shamrock  
2:00 PM Pineville 71360  
*Benefits Fair 8 am-4:30 pm*

**April 15** State Office Building  
Friday V.R. Conference Room  
**8:30 AM\*** 900 Murray Street  
10:30 AM Alexandria 71301  
2:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 15** Central Louisiana State Hospital  
Friday Wilkerson Hall  
10:00 AM 242 W. Shamrock  
Pineville 71360  
*Benefits Fair 8am-12 noon*

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**April 18** State Office Building  
Monday V.R. Conference Room  
**8:30 AM\*** 900 Murray Street  
10:30 AM Alexandria 71301  
2:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Red River Parish

**April 7** Red River Parish School Board  
Thursday Title 1 Parent Center  
**2:00 PM\*** 1921 Alonzo Street  
3:45 PM Coushatta 71019  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Richland Parish

**April 13** Richland Parish School Board  
Wednesday Board Room  
**10:00 AM\*** 411 Foster Street  
2:00 PM Rayville 71269  
4:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Sabine Parish

**April 12** Sabine Parish School Board  
Tuesday West Peterson Street  
**9:00 AM\*** Many 71449  
3:30 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 12** Office of Public Health  
Tuesday 1230 West Louisiana Ave.  
1:00 PM Many 71449

## St. Bernard Parish

**April 7** St. Bernard Parish School Board  
Thursday Board Room  
4:00 PM 200 E. St. Bernard Highway  
Chalmette 70043

**April 11** St. Bernard Parish School Board  
Monday Board Room  
**9:00 AM\*** 200 E. St. Bernard Highway  
Chalmette 70043  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 14** Elaine Nunez Community College  
Thursday Arts, Science & Technical Building  
12:00 Noon 3710 Paris Road  
Chalmette 70043

## St. Charles Parish

**April 14** LA Cooperative Extension  
Thursday Conference Room  
9:30 AM 1313 Paul Maillard Road Suite-D  
11:00 AM\* Luling 70070  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## St. Helena Parish

**April 18** St. Helena Parish School Board  
Monday St. Helena Elementary School Cafeteria  
**2:30 PM\*** Highway 1042  
3:45 PM Greensburg 70441  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## St. James Parish

**April 1** Pontchartrain Levee District  
Friday Conference Room  
1:00 PM 2204 Albert Street  
**2:30 PM\*** Lutcher 70071  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## St. John the Baptist Parish

**April 28** River Parish Technical College  
Thursday Conference Room  
1:00 PM 181 Regala Park Road  
**2:30 PM\*** (Off Airline Highway)  
Reserve 70084  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## St. Landry Parish

**April 11** DOTD Maintenance Unit  
Monday 11968 Hwy. 190 West  
7:30AM Opelousas 70570

**April 11** LCTC TH Harris Campus  
Monday 332 East South Street  
11:00AM Opelousas 70570

**April 11** St. Landry Parish School Board  
Monday Opelousas High School  
4:30PM 1014 Judson Walsh Drive  
Opelousas 70570

**April 12** LSU – Eunice  
Tuesday Technology Building Auditorium  
11:00AM Room 102 / pp  
LA Hwy. 755  
Eunice 70535



**April 12** St. Landry Parish School Board  
 Tuesday Opelousas High School  
 4:30PM 1014 Judson Walsh Drive  
 Opelousas 70570

**April 13** St. Landry Parish School Board  
 Wednesday Resource Center  
 9:30AM\* 1013 Creswell Lane  
 Opelousas 70570  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 13** Wildlife and Fisheries  
 Wednesday 5652 Highway 182  
 1:00PM Opelousas 70570

**April 19** DSS/OCS/OFS/BHSF  
 Tuesday 6069 I-49 South Service Road  
 1:00PM Opelousas 70570

### St. Martin Parish

**April 6** LSU Cooperative Extension Services  
 Wednesday Conference Room  
 10:00 AM\* 114 Courthouse St.  
 Breaux Bridge 70517  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 12** Louisiana Technical College  
 Tuesday Evangeline Campus  
 2:30 PM 600 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.  
 St. Martinville 70582

### St. Mary Parish

**April 8** Louisiana Technical College  
 Friday Young Memorial Campus  
 2:45 PM 900 Youngs Road  
 Morgan City 70380

**April 21** LA Coop. Ext. Services  
 Thursday Courthouse  
 10:30 AM\* Parish Council Meeting Rm. 5th Floor  
 1:30 PM Franklin 70538  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

### St. Tammany Parish

**April 5** DSS/OCS/OFS  
 Tuesday 300 Covington Center  
 2:00PM Conference Room  
 Covington 70433

**April 5** St. Tammany Parish School Board  
 Tuesday Slidell High School Cafeteria  
 6:00PM One Tiger Drive  
 Slidell 70458

**April 6** Southeast Louisiana Hospital  
 Wednesday Gymnasium  
 10:00AM Hwy. 190 (Sparrow Drive)  
 1:00PM Mandeville 70471

**April 7** St. Tammany Parish School Board  
 Thursday Technology Center  
 3:00PM\* 2024 Livingston Street  
 6:00PM\*\* Mandeville 70448  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*  
*\*\*Active employees Only*

**April 18** Office of Community Service  
 Monday Conference Room  
 1:30PM 351 Holiday Blvd.  
 Covington 70433

### Tangipahoa Parish

**April 4** Hammond Developmental Center  
 Monday Chapel  
 9:00 AM\*\* 45439 Live Oak Drive  
 1:00 PM Hammond 70401  
*\*\*Interpreter for the hearing impaired*

**April 5** Southeastern La University  
 Tuesday University Center Room # 125  
 10:00 AM Wardline Avenue  
 1:30 PM Hammond 70403  
*Benefits Fair (Room 125) 9 AM to 3 PM*  
*Presentations (Room 133) 10 AM to 1:30 PM*

**April 6** DOTD-District 62 Headquarter  
 Wednesday Conference Room  
 7:00 AM 685 North Morrison Boulevard  
 Hammond 70404

**April 7** Office of Family Support  
 Thursday Conference Room  
 9:30 AM 1211 North West Central Ave  
 Amite 70422

**April 8** Lallie Kemp Medical Center  
 Friday Large Conference Room  
 9:00 AM 52579 Hwy 51 South  
 11:00 AM Independence 70443

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**April 12** Tangipahoa Parish School Board  
Tuesday Board Room  
4:30 PM 59656 Puleston Road  
Amite 70422

**April 14** Tangipahoa Parish School Board  
Thursday Hammond High School Cafeteria  
**3:30 PM\*** 45168 River Road  
5:00 PM Hammond 70403  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Tensas Parish

**April 14** Northeast Research Station  
Thursday Highway 605  
**1:00 PM\*** St. Joseph 71366  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 14** Tensas Parish School Board  
Thursday Media Center  
3:30 PM 710 Plank Road  
St. Joseph 71366

## Terrebonne Parish

**April 13** Leonard Chabert Medical Center  
Wednesday 2nd Floor Cafeteria  
7:30 AM 1978 Industrial Blvd.  
9:30 AM Houma 70363  
3:30 PM

**April 19** DOTD Maintenance/Construction  
Tuesday 5056 West Main Street  
**8:00 AM\*** Houma 70360  
10:30 AM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 19** L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College  
Tuesday 310 St. Charles Street  
1:30 PM Houma 70360

## Union Parish

**April 11** Union Parish School Board  
Monday Media Center  
**1:00 PM\*** 1206 Marion Highway  
3:30 PM Farmerville 71241  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Vermilion Parish

**April 5** Vermilion Parish- OCS  
Tuesday 2729 Veterans Memorial Drive  
8:30 AM Abbeville 70510

**April 5** Vermilion Parish Library  
Tuesday 405 E. St. Victor St.  
**11:00 AM\*** Abbeville 70510  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 5** Louisiana Technical College  
Tuesday Gulf Area Campus  
2:45 PM 115 Clover Street  
Abbeville 70510

## Vernon Parish

**April 18** Vernon Parish School Board  
Monday Leesville High School Auditorium  
**9:30 AM\*** 502 Berry Avenue  
1:30 PM Leesville 71446  
5:00 PM *\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Washington Parish

**April 8** Bogalusa City School  
Friday Media Center  
**3:00 PM\*** 1705 Sullivan Drive  
4:30 PM Bogalusa 70427  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 13** Washington Parish School Board  
Wednesday Conference Room  
4:00 PM 800 Main Street  
Franklinton 70438

**April 21** Washington Correctional Institute  
Thursday Highway – 21  
5:45 AM Angie 70426  
6:45 AM  
5:45 PM *Facility Employees Only*

**April 22** Washington Correctional Institute  
Friday Highway – 21  
5:45 AM Angie 70426  
5:45 PM *Facility Employees Only*

**April 22** Washington / St. Tammany Hospital  
Friday Inpatient Campus Conference Room  
11:00 AM 433 Plaza Street  
1:00 PM Bogalusa 70427



## Webster Parish

**April 12** Military Dept.  
 Tuesday Youth Challenge Program  
 10:30 AM Activity Bldg. A-120  
 100 Louisiana Blvd.  
 Minden 71055

**April 12** Webster Parish School Board  
 Tuesday Springhill High Auditorium  
 3:30 PM 507 West Church  
 Springhill 71075

**April 13** Webster Parish School Board  
 Wednesday Minden High School Auditorium  
 3:30 PM College Street  
 Minden 71055

**April 18** Northwest Louisiana Tech College  
 Monday 814 Constable Street  
 9:00 AM\* Minden 71055  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## West Baton Rouge Parish

**April 7** Atchafalaya Basin Levee District  
 Thursday 525 Court Street  
 8:30 AM Port Allen 70767

**April 21** WBR Parish School Board  
 Thursday School Board Office - Board Room  
 10:00 AM\* 3761 Rosedale Road  
 Port Allen 70767  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 21** WBR Parish School Board  
 Thursday Port Allen High School Cafeteria  
 4:30 PM 3553 Rosedale Road  
 Port Allen 70767

**April 25** Greater WBR Port Commission  
 Monday Conference Room  
 9:00 AM 2425 Ernest Wilson Drive  
 Port Allen 70767

## West Carroll Parish

**April 15** West Carroll Parish School Board  
 Friday Media Center  
 10:00 AM\* 410 Willis Street  
 2:00 PM Oak Grove 71263  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## West Feliciana Parish

**April 1** West Feliciana Parish Health Unit  
 Friday 5154 Burnett Road  
 2:00 PM\* St. Francisville 70775  
 3:30 PM *\*Special Meeting for retirees with Medicare*

## Winn Parish

**April 20** LA Cooperative Extension Service  
 Wednesday Room 108  
 1:00 PM\* 119 West Main  
 Winnfield 71483  
*\*Special meeting for retirees with Medicare*

**April 20** Winn Parish School Board  
 Wednesday 304 East Court Street  
 3:30 PM Winnfield 71483



## ***What Is a Fee Schedule and What Does It Mean to You?***

*In the last issue of For Your Benefit, we discussed some of the variables that can affect your health care pricing. In this issue, we take a look at fee schedules and their impact on your health care expenses.*

A fee schedule is an agreed upon amount between your health care provider and OGB for a particular service. Each service or combination of services that your provider performs has a fee schedule amount attached to it (there are 12,690 services). OGB calculates your benefits based on the fee schedule for a particular billed service.

For example, if you are in the PPO plan: Your office visit charge was \$100.00. OGB's fee schedule allows \$70.00 for that visit. The amount OGB considers is now \$70.00. If you had this service at an in-network provider, the provider writes off the \$30.00 difference. If this service was at a non-network provider, the provider could charge you the \$30.00 difference. The deductibles and applicable co-insurance percentages will apply to the \$70.00 whether in or out of network.

As you can see by the example, there are definite advantages to using in-network providers whenever possible. This is true for out-of-state, out-of-network providers as well. Any amount over and above the fee schedule amount could be charged to you. The only exception to the fee schedule is if you have Medicare as your primary payer. It is very important for you to understand that our fee schedule is based on the service code provided by your health care provider.

OGB is required by law to implement a medical fee schedule for all medical and surgical services and for all professional services performed in a hospital.

For more information about fee schedules, contact the Customer Services Department at 1-800-272-8451.

## ***Webinar to be Offered to Plan Members***

How would you like to attend an Annual Enrollment meeting without leaving your desk? OGB is holding its first ever webinar, *Decision 2005*, – a live electronic seminar – and you are cordially invited.



After you log on through our Web site at **[www.groupbenefits.org](http://www.groupbenefits.org)**, you will see our presentation on your computer screen and hear our program through your computer's speakers. During the webinar, questions regarding annual enrollment may be asked and general answers given.

*Decision 2005* is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 30th at 11 a.m.** You can log in from any computer. If your schedule will not permit you to join us at that time, the webinar will be archived on our Web site, and you can access it any time. You'll be able to see all the questions and answers from March 30th.

**Please visit our Web site at [www.groupbenefits.org](http://www.groupbenefits.org) for details.**

## **Special Section Devoted to Annual Enrollment**

OGB's Web site will have a special section dedicated to Annual Enrollment information and updates. Check the member home page and the Latest News section of [www.groupbenefits.org](http://www.groupbenefits.org) for on-going updates during the Annual Enrollment period.

## Flexible Benefits Plan Offers Tax Savings

Would you like to save money on your taxes? You can do just that by enrolling in one or more of the three Flexible Benefits Plan Options.

Join the Premium Conversion Option and have your eligible insurance payroll deductions taken before the calculation of taxes.



Join the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Option and set aside money from your paycheck for dependent care expenses before the calculation of taxes. To make this option as convenient as possible, 1 Point Solutions, OGB's flexible spending accounts manager, offers a Recurring Expense Service. This service pre-certifies your regularly recurring dependent care expense so that you never have to keep a receipt, complete a claim form or swipe your flexible spending card.

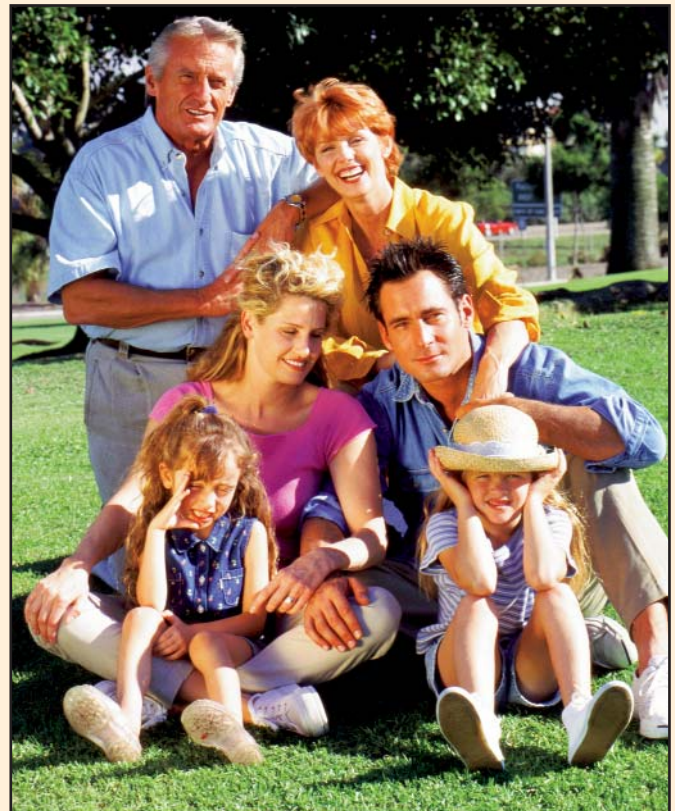
Join the Health Care Flexible Spending Account Option and set aside money from your paycheck for out-of-pocket medical expenses before the calculation of taxes. You can have immediate access to your Flexible Spending Account dollars with the 1Point Solutions card. Present the card anywhere MasterCard is accepted as payment for any of your eligible out-of-pocket medical expenses and the amount is automatically deducted from your account.

**The Flexible Benefits Plan Annual Enrollment period is April 1, 2005 through June 20, 2005.**

## Important Tips

**1. Save Your EOB**  
 You should save the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) you receive from the Office of Group Benefits for a minimum of two years. The EOB can serve as your backup documentation in the event your provider is audited and the audit erroneously shows you to have a balance due.

**2. Prior Approval Required**  
 You must obtain prior approval before acquiring any mental health and substance abuse services. Refer to the toll-free number for such services for the PPO, EPO and MCO plans found on the back of your Health and Pharmacy Benefits ID Card. If prior approval is not obtained, you will be responsible for the charges. Also, when calling for approval, you can get the names of approved providers. The toll-free number is 1-866-492-7143.



## Savings Generated Using Medical Computer Program

OGB began using a medical logic computer program in July 2004. The program reviews incoming claims to detect and correct costly inaccuracies in provider claims. The result of more than a decade of landmark coding and clinical expertise investment, it contains more than 3.5 million rules and relationships between different codes. With this tool, OGB detected \$12.3 million in inappropriately billed claims within the seven-month period beginning July 1, 2004. This review represented savings to our plan members.

## Plan Members: Be Aware of Eligibility Issues

Within the last six months, OGB has discovered numerous situations in which plan members had not properly notified this office of a status change.

Plan members should be aware that they are responsible for notifying this office of status changes that will affect their insurance coverage. Improper or no notification at all may result in an investigation by OGB's fraud unit and possibly be turned over to law enforcement for prosecution.

One case involved a divorced plan member who failed to notify OGB for several years of a change in marital status and continued to cover the ex-spouse through OGB. According to the plan document, OGB does not allow an ex-spouse to be covered as a dependent. This case has been turned over to the fraud unit.

In another case, a plan member applied for insurance for employee and spouse. Upon retirement, when asked to produce a marriage certificate, the member was unable to do so. At that time it was determined that the couple had never been legally married. The plan member's partner was never eligible for insurance.

In a third case, a child had reached the maximum age for dependent coverage and was being removed from the plan. During the course of a phone conversation with OGB, it was determined that the dependent had been

married for several years. Because of the marriage, the dependent became ineligible to be carried on the parent's coverage.

In each case, coverage with OGB was erroneously continued, which led to the payment of a significant amount of claims expenses by OGB. Plan members are expected to be knowledgeable of their plan document and be prepared to make changes as they occur. All claims determined to have been incorrectly submitted will be investigated.

## OGBe-News Available to Plan Members On-line



Good news! You can be informed with up-to-date news articles and timely tips on health and OGB-related topics – all coming to you!

Plan members can take advantage of OGBe-News by signing up on-line at OGB's Web site [www.groupbenefits.org](http://www.groupbenefits.org). At the home page, click on the News and Updates in your E-mail link. At the text box, you can then register to receive regular e-mail regarding news and updates about the Office of Group Benefits, including OGBe-News. When you register, if you are interested in just receiving information sent to plan members, select "Plan Member." If you are interested in receiving all information sent, select "All."

Following completion of registration, you will receive an e-mail from the OGB webmaster telling you that in order to complete your registration you must click on the link provided in the e-mail.

## Are You Suffering From Heartburn?

The following information is provided courtesy of CatalystRx.

### Treatments

#### Lifestyle Changes

There are some easy lifestyle changes you can make that may help reduce the symptoms of heartburn.

- Eat several small meals daily instead of three large meals.
- Avoid carbonated drinks, coffee, and tea; chocolate; citrus foods; fatty and fried foods; onions; peppermint; spicy foods; and tomatoes.
- After eating, avoid bending over, lying down or sleeping for two to four hours.
- Stop smoking and drinking alcohol (both increase stomach acid and irritation).
- Maintain your recommended weight. If necessary, lose weight.
- Exercise regularly.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing and belts.
- Raise the head of your bed six to eight inches by using pillows or a specially designed wedge.



### Drug Therapy

Many over-the-counter and prescription medications are available to treat heartburn. Over-the-counter medications do not require a prescription and often cost less than prescription medications.

### When to Consult Your Doctor

Most heartburn cases can be treated by simple lifestyle changes or over-the-counter medications. However, if you experience any of the following symptoms, your heartburn may be more severe and require the attention of a doctor.

- Heartburn persists, is severe or occurs more than twice a week.
- Heartburn makes it difficult to fall asleep or wakes you up at night
- Severe chest pain or pressure, especially if it radiates to your arm, neck or back.
- Vomiting followed by severe chest pain

## Have you encountered a problem at your pharmacy?

### Assistance is just a phone call away...



If your pharmacy is not familiar with your pharmacy benefit program, or is unable to process your claim, you or the pharmacist can call Catalyst Rx Customer Service, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for assistance: 1-888-869-4600.

Also, a complete overview of your pharmacy benefit program, as well as answers to frequently asked questions, is available online at [www.catalystrx.com](http://www.catalystrx.com).