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***OGB delays Annual Enrollment meetings until at least April 15 & cancels HR training meetings***

Statewide Annual Enrollment meetings for 2010-11 have been delayed until at least April 15 and HR training meetings have been cancelled, announced Tommy D. Teague, chief executive officer of the Office of Group Benefits. The meetings were set to begin April 5.

The delay is necessary to allow time for the administrative resolution of protests filed regarding OGB's proposed award of a contract for administration of the HMO health plan for the 2010-11 plan year and OGB's decision to merge the HMO and EPO plans for the 2010-11 plan year, which begins July 1.

Under state law, the protesting parties have an opportunity to appeal to Commissioner of Administration Angèle Davis to review OGB's decisions on the contracts, and the commissioner must render a decision before OGB can proceed with implementation of the proposed HMO plan contract—including conducting Annual Enrollment meetings and disseminating information by mail.