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OGB Launches Annual Enrollment Website
Cost Calculator Tool Helps Members Estimate Out-of-Pocket Costs

BATON ROUGE, LA – Members enrolled in health plans through the Office of Group Benefits can review their 2015 plan options, estimate out-of-pocket costs, and register for webinars online at the new 2015 annual enrollment website. The site provides members with tools designed to help them decide which health plan is right for them.

OGB is offering a new set of plans for active employees and retirees in 2015. The options include HMO, PPO and consumer-driven plans comparable to the ones offered today in addition to a new plan that offers lower premiums and employer funding that can be used to offset out-of-pocket costs. There is also a new HMO option available for some members.

Active employees, retirees and their dependents can access the full decision guides at www.annualenrollment.groupbenefits.org/. They include detailed information about each available plan, premium rates, and prescription drugs. The guides will also be mailed to members' homes later this month.

In addition to the decision guides, the website features an out-of-pocket cost calculator that allows members to estimate how enrolling in each plan could impact their total costs. The calculator provides members the opportunity to make assumptions about the volume and type of care needed in 2015 and see how it affects estimated expenses. Members are encouraged to try several different scenarios to understand how the plans will work with different levels of service.

The website also features a blog, frequently asked questions and a schedule of meetings around the state. Beginning October 1, members will be able to enroll in a health plan through the site. The enrollment period ends October 31.

Members are encouraged to contact OGB with any questions. Customer service is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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