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HUMAN RESOURCES MEMORANDUM NO. 03-046

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TO: Lt. Governor, Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretaries, Deputy Assistant Secretaries, Program Managers

FROM: Mary F. Ginn
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SUBJECT: OGB Announces Statewide EPO Program

The Office of Group Benefits (OGB) has announced its statewide Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) health insurance plan.

In the Baton Rouge area (Region 6), the EPO will be administered by United Health Care. The EPO plan will include the following Baton Rouge hospitals in its network:

- Baton Rouge General Medical Center
- Our Lady of the Lake
- Summit Hospital
- Woman's Hospital

The Office of Group Benefits will administer the EPO in all other areas of the state using its network of PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) doctors. The EPO plan will also utilize a national provider network for out-of-state care.

The Office of Group Benefits is mailing a letter to plan members explaining the new options and has extended Annual Enrollment until May 12, 2003. Group Benefits is scheduling additional meetings, and has set up a toll-free hotline at 1-866-253-2273 for questions about the EPO. The meeting schedule and provider directories can be found on the OGB web site at www.groupbenefits.org.

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