



STATE OF LOUISIANA
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February 7, 2023

Via email only

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Re: 2022 Rulemaking Summary Report - La. R.S. 49:968(K)

Dear President Cortez and Speaker Schexnayder:

Pursuant to [La. R.S. 49:968\(K\)](#), the Office of Group Benefits (“OGB”) hereby submits the following report documenting the rulemaking activities undertaken during calendar year 2022.

1. OGB proposed benefit plan design changes. The schedule of benefits for the Magnolia Open Access and Magnolia Local plans were amended to increase the per-visit emergency room copayment amount from \$150 per visit to \$200. These benefit plan design changes were adopted as rules and became effective on January 1, 2023.
2. OGB proposed a rule change to repeal [LAC 32:l:1509](#) (Health Benefits – Pre-existing Condition Limitation). In compliance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (“PPACA”), OGB eliminated all pre-existing condition exclusions from its health plans effective January 1, 2014. This rule modification was adopted and became effective on December 20, 2022.

During calendar year 2022 OGB received no petitions or submissions requesting the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule pursuant to [La. R.S. 49:953\(C\)](#).

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Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the contents of this report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance
Representative Jerome Zeringue, Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations
Group Benefits Policy and Planning Board Members