



# State of Louisiana

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## **OGB Expands Enrollment Meeting Schedule**

*Six Baton Rouge meetings added; More planned statewide*

**BATON ROUGE** – Today, Commissioner of Administration Kristy Nichols announced that the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) would add six enrollment meetings in Baton Rouge October 7-9 to allow members to get information on their benefit options and ask questions in person. The meetings will provide more information about OGB’s 2015 health plan offerings for active employees and retirees.

“We’re happy that people are taking advantage of these opportunities and will adjust our meeting space to make sure we can accommodate our members,” said Commissioner Nichols. “Today, we added three overflow rooms and two new meetings to help meet demand. And we will continue to adjust as necessary to make sure all members get the information they need.”

In addition to the new meetings in Baton Rouge, OGB is adding to the 43 meetings already scheduled statewide to provide more opportunities for members to review their options. Those new meetings will be announced later this week once locations are finalized.

Annual enrollment began October 1 and has been extended until November 30. The majority of the health plan options available for 2015 are comparable to 2014 plans, using the same Blue Cross and Blue Shield nationwide network. However, several new options with lower premiums and increased employer contributions are available beginning March 1. Members are encouraged to use the enrollment period to make the selection that best fits their needs.

Members can enroll in a plan option and find more information on OGB’s website at [www.annualenrollment.groupbenefits.org](http://www.annualenrollment.groupbenefits.org). Decision guides have been mailed to all enrollees, outlining each plan in detail. OGB has also developed a cost calculator tool that allows members to compare plans and out-of-pocket cost side-by-side as well as a one-sheet that compares last year’s plans to the upcoming year’s options. Customer service hours have been extended to 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**Upcoming Meetings in Baton Rouge, La.**

**Baton Rouge Meetings – Active Employees and Retirees without Medicare**

Date	Location	Start Time
October 7	Division of Administration, (Claiborne Bldg. – LA Purchase Room) 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (NEW) 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. (NEW)

**Baton Rouge Meetings – Retirees without Medicare**

Date	Location	Start Time
October 8	Dept. of Public Safety (Training Academy Auditorium) 7901 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (NEW) 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. (NEW)
October 9	Dept. of Public Safety (Training Academy Auditorium) 7901 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (NEW) 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. (NEW)

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