OFFICE OF STATE UNIFORM PAYROLL MEMORANDUM #2002-60

TO: All ISIS HR Paid Agencies

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SUBJECT: Hospitalization Changes/New Dental Plan for Plan Year 2002-2003

The following hospitalization providers have been approved for Plan Year 2002-2003.

- Group Benefits – PPO
- Group Benefits – EPO (Outside BR Area Only) – Ochsner – Baton Rouge
- Group Benefits – EPO (Outside BR Area Only) – Ochsner – New Orleans
- Blue Cross – EPO (BR Area Only) – Ochsner – Hammond-N. Shore Area
- Best Care/FARA – EPO (BR Area Only) – Ochsner – Shreveport
- AMCare – Houma-Thibodaux
- AMCare – Lafayette/Alexandria/Lake Charles
- Vantage – Monroe

Employees living in the Baton Rouge area (zip codes that begin with 707 and 708) who currently have the Group Benefits EPO plan and wish to keep the EPO plan must choose between the Blue Cross EPO plan and the Best Care/FARA EPO plan. **If no selection is made, agency Employee Administration (EA) personnel will be responsible for setting up those employees in the Group Benefits PPO plan.** The Group Benefits EPO plan will still be available to those employees outside of the Baton Rouge area.

Effective July 1, 2002, Starmount Life Insurance Company is approved to offer AlwaysDental to state employees. The plan is similar to the dental plan Starmount offers as a miscellaneous insurance deduction at reduced rates. To be eligible for the AlwaysDental plan, employees must be enrolled in a Group Benefits hospitalization plan (PPO, EPO, HMO).

Agencies will be notified by OIS memorandum when the new health plans can be set up in ISIS HR. Agency Employee Administration (EA) personnel are responsible for entering employee hospitalization changes that occur during annual enrollment.

Questions regarding how to make these changes in ISIS HR should be directed to the ISIS Help Desk at (225) 342-2677.

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