

# Open Enrollment Update – Monday, October 08, 2007

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## Open Enrollment Extended

As I am sure you are aware by now, most state employees have not received their Annual Benefit Guides. The guides are being processed and will be mailed to your home address. The books have been delivered to the mailing company but as of today, they have not completed the mailing process. In light of this delay in the mailing and in order to give all employees the opportunity to review the changes under the new ARHealth plan, Open Enrollment will be extended to **November 9th** (instead of the previous deadline of October 31st). The November 9<sup>th</sup> deadline will apply to both the deadline for any changes to your coverage (remember to complete your Enrollment Form before the deadline) and to the last day to complete your Health Risk Assessment survey and save money on your monthly premiums.

**We apologize for this short delay in distributing the benefit guides and hope that all guides are processed over the next few days.**

## Beneficiary Designation Reminder

Just a reminder to all state employees that your designated Life Insurance Beneficiary(ies) will not convert from USABLE to Minnesota Life. It is important that you designate your beneficiary and can do so through Minnesota Life's secure web utility. You can access it by going to [www.ARBenefits.org](http://www.ARBenefits.org) and login using your **User ID** and **Password**, click the **My Membership** tab located at the top of the page, and then select the link for **Minnesota Life Insurance Company**. This link will then take you to the secure website for Minnesota Life where you can designate your new beneficiary and also make changes to your plan.

## Health Risk Assessment

Please remember to take the Health Risk Assessment during Open Enrollment. Simply by taking the survey you can save \$10 off your monthly premiums and may be qualified to an additional savings based on your healthy lifestyle choices. Covered spouses are also eligible for the survey & applicable discount. You can access the survey by going to [www.ARBenefits.org](http://www.ARBenefits.org) or by calling (800) 763-4674

**Don't wait – Take the Survey Today**

## Flu Shots

As part of your preventative care benefit under the health insurance plan, you are eligible to receive your flu shot vaccine at no charge, provided you receive your immunization from an in-network provider. EBD will host three ½-day flu shot clinics at our office later this fall. The schedule will be released at a later time once we get word on expected delivery of the vaccine. Also available to the membership are vaccines at the Health Department facilities.

Flu shots provided at these locations will also be no charge to the plan members. Remember to bring your health plan ID Cards to receive the shot as a covered service.

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