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OFFICE OF STATE UNIFORM PAYROLL MEMORANDUM #2022-50

- TO: LaGov HCM Paid Agency Human Resources and Employee Administration Staff
- FROM: Andrea P. Hubbard Director
- SUBJECT: Statewide Vendor Product Enhancement Approvals

OSUP is responsible for the administration of the rules governing <u>state employee</u> payroll deductions. Products that are authorized through OSUP are for <u>all state</u> <u>employees</u> and <u>all state agencies of the executive branch of state government as</u> <u>defined under R.S. 36:4</u>. An **exception** to this is higher education facilities overseen by a Governing Board. The Governing Board has the authority to approve additional products or remove any product per the boards' established policies.

Per the payroll deduction rule, enhancements to policies occur when a vendor broadens an existing, solicited policy's benefits/coverage. The existing solicited policy will be replaced by the enhanced policy and will no longer be solicited. **Current policyholders may choose to keep the existing policy or convert to the enhanced policy**; however, new policyholders must purchase the enhanced policy.

The following enhancements have been approved for the April 1, 2022 deadline to be effective July 1, 2022:

1. Colonial Life & Accident, non-flex eligible Whole Life policies

| Existing Policies | Enhanced Policies | |
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| ICC19-IWL5000-70 | ICC19-IWL5000-70 | |
| ICC19-IWL5000-100 | ICC19-IWL5000-100 | |

There will be no changes to the product descriptions, plan types, or wage types in LaGov HCM as these are enhancements to specific policies under the existing product.

The vendor will advise employees of the enhanced policies by letter and/or during consultations. Agencies should refer employees to OSUP's "For State Employees", Statewide Vendor webpage at the following web address:

https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/osup/state-employees/employee-sw-vendor-products/ to obtain vendor contact information for applicable vendors. Employees should contact the vendor directly for any questions they may have in reference to the enhancements. No specific agency action is necessary for the enhancement to these non-flex policies.

Direct all other questions to a member of the OSUP Benefits and Financial Administration Unit at _DOA-OSUP-BFA@LA.GOV or (225):

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