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TITLE 87. OKLAHOMA STATE EMPLOYEES BENEFITS COUNCIL CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

[OAR Docket #05-1517]

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Chapter 1. Administrative Operations [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed changes to Chapter 1 codify provisions previously adopted by Emergency Rules on July 26, 2005. The rules establish responsibilities for State Benefit Coordinators to disseminate materials from benefit vendors that have an authorized payroll deduction pursuant to Section 7.10 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 1701 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

AUTHORITY:

Employees Benefits Council, Employees Benefits Act; 74 O.S. § 1361 et seq.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, may do so before 4:45 p.m., Central Standard Time on February 17, 2006 at the following address: Employees Benefits Council, 200 N. Harvey, Suite 1200, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-4003.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., February 17, 2006 in the Jim Thorpe Conference room (Second Floor) at the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library at 300 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Interested persons can present their views at the public hearing, orally or in writing, but must sign in at the door no later than 10:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, February 17, 2006.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

n/a

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Employees Benefits Council, 200 N. Harvey, Suite 1200, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-4003. Copies of the proposed rules will be provided pursuant to OAC: 87:1-3-13.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. §303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared. Copies may be obtained from the Employees Benefits Council at the above address. The rule impact statement will be issued prior to or within fifteen (15) days after the date of publication of this Notice of Rulemaking Intent.

CONTACT PERSON:

Russell Nash, Employees Benefits Council, (405) 232-1190 ext. 103.

[OAR Docket #05-1517; filed 12-22-05]

TITLE 87. OKLAHOMA STATE EMPLOYEES BENEFITS COUNCIL CHAPTER 10. FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN

[OAR Docket #05-1518]

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Chapter 10. Flexible Benefits Plan [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed changes to Chapter 10 codify provisions previously adopted by Emergency Rules on July 26, 2005. The first is the implementation of a $2\frac{1}{2}$ month grace period at the end of the regular Plan Year for incurring reimbursable expenses for Health Care Reimbursement Accounts. In addition, the contribution limit for Health Care Reimbursement Accounts has been raised from $300.00 per month to $350.00 per month. The second new provision would implement rules providing for the purchase of a TRICARE Supplement Insurance Plan for certain military retirees. The third new provision implements rules allowing for group health plans to disclose protected health information to the Council in accordance with the standards for privacy of the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA).

In addition to codifying previous Emergency Rules, the Council will consider adopting rules which institute an automatic premium conversion election for state employee pretax benefits.

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TITLE 87. OKLAHOMA STATE EMPLOYEES BENEFITS COUNCIL CHAPTER 20. AUTHORIZED PAYROLL DEDUCTION VENDOR MATERIALS

[OAR Docket #05-1519]

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Chapter 20. Authorized Payroll Deduction Vendor Materials [NEW]

SUMMARY:

Chapter 20 codifies previously adopted Emergency Rules. Senate Bill 586, signed into law in June 2005, required materials from vendors that have an authorized payroll deduction pursuant to Section 7.10 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 1701 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes to be placed in the annual benefit enrollment materials provided to state employees and their dependents. EBC is the agency responsible for developing benefit communication material for State employees. Therefore, the following rules have been permanently address provisions of the Bill. The rules define a vendor as a product vendor which has been approved for an authorized payroll deduction on or before the last calendar day of July prior to each Plan Year. Such a vendor has the opportunity to provide a one page, front and back, eight and one-half inch by eleven inch document which, at a minimum, identifies the vendor, describes the product being offered, includes the vendor's contact information, and includes the premium or cost of the product. Vendors bear the responsibility of designing and printing the material in a quantity determined by EBC. A vendor must deliver its material to the Employees Benefits Council on or before the second Friday in August prior to the beginning of the benefits enrollment period. The Council will bear the expense of binding and distributing all timely and properly submitted vendor material.

AUTHORITY:

Employees Benefits Council, Employees Benefits Act; 74 O.S. § 1361 et seq.

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TITLE 120. CAPITOL-MEDICAL CENTER IMPROVEMENT AND ZONING COMMISSION CHAPTER 10. ZONING REGULATIONS FOR CAPITOL-MEDICAL CENTER IMPROVEMENT AND ZONING DISTRICT

[OAR Docket #05-1555]

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 7. Off-Street Automobile and Vehicle Parking and Loading [AMENDED]

Subchapter 17. Off-Street Parking Facilities Landscape Code [NEW]

Appendix E. Tree Planting Standard [NEW]