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## **Circular Letter**

**TO: ALL PEMHCA HEALTH BENEFITS OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT HEALTH BENEFITS OFFICERS**

**SUBJECT: RATE SEMINARS NEW FOR 2011 – VIA WEBINAR**

The CalPERS Health Benefits Program invites you to an Employer Webinar on the CalPERS Health Rates for 2011. This year's format continues with CalPERS' commitment to "Go Green," be cost-effective for our employers, be transparent in our communication, and provide an equitable dissemination of important information. We are proud to reduce the carbon footprint of our Regional Rate Seminars by having CalPERS staff and Health Plan Partners reduce or eliminate travel this year by producing our Regional Rate Seminars as webinars – Rate Seminars broadcast via the Web. This will also eliminate the need to travel for the majority of our contracting agencies who would otherwise have to attend in person.

You will be able to access the Rate Seminars from the comfort of your office and have the ability to send text questions during the webinars. An additional benefit of this webinar format is that shortly after the live webinars on July 30, 2010, the information will be posted online to the CalPERS Network Channel, making it accessible at any time. The CalPERS Network Channel is located at

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CalPERSNetwork>.

The Regional Rate Seminars will be conducted as two sessions, both on July 30, 2010. The morning session will address the Bay, Sacramento, and Other Northern Regions. The afternoon session will address the Los Angeles and Other Southern Regions. Employers are invited to attend the sessions in person or by logging in as webinar attendees. Both sessions will be held in Sacramento at CalPERS Sacramento Regional Office, 400 Q Street, Sacramento. The following topics will be discussed:

- 2011 health plan regional rates
- 2011 benefit designs for HMO & PPO plans
- Latest updates on the CalPERS Health Benefits Program & National Health Care Reform
- Differences between HMO & PPO plans
- Pharmacy benefits available under the PERS Select/Choice/Care PPO Plans
- Updates from our Health Plan Partners: Anthem Blue Cross, Medco Health Solutions, Blue Shield of California, and Kaiser Permanente
- What matters to you (Q&A)

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The webinar sessions are scheduled as follows:

Northern (morning session) 9:30 – 11:30

Southern (afternoon) 1:30 – 3:30

Registration

For more information, go to the Employers tab on CalPERS On-Line ([www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov)) and select Employer Education & Events. Instructions will be posted to the site in advance of the event. Contracting agencies will also be notified via email.

Archived sessions will be available by mid-August via the Web at <http://www.youtube.com/user/CalPERSNetwork>.

If you have any questions about this Circular Letter, please contact the CalPERS Employer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

Sincerely,

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