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**State Employee and Retiree Insurance Enrollment Delayed**

The Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) has announced a delay in the Benefit Options Open Enrollment program for employee and retiree health insurance. Previously scheduled to begin on August 10, 2009, the Open Enrollment program which impacts approximately 65,000 employees and 14,000 retirees is being delayed due to a procurement protest. The Benefit Expos scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup> have been canceled but will be rescheduled for later dates.

Employee and retiree insurance will continue without disruption and employees and retirees will have sufficient time to evaluate and make their choices. State employees and retirees can access up to date information on the ADOA website for employee/retiree benefits: [www.benefitoptions.az.gov](http://www.benefitoptions.az.gov). Those employees or retirees without internet access can call their department human resources liaison for any updates.

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