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Commissioner Rainwater appoints new CEO for Office of Group Benefits

BATON ROUGE – Commissioner of Administration Paul Rainwater announced today that he has appointed Scott Kipper to serve as Chief Executive Officer of state government’s Office of Group Benefits (OGB). Kipper will begin his service at OGB on April 18.

OGB is responsible for providing health and accidental benefits and life insurance to active and retired state employees and their dependents.

“Scott Kipper is a highly regarded expert and leader in the health insurance field, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as strong leadership skills, to the Office of Group Benefits,” Rainwater said.

Biography of Scott Kipper

Scott Kipper most recently served as the Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Health Insurance at the Louisiana Department of Insurance, after having served in the same capacity from September of 2005 through the end of 2007, when he led the development and implementation of emergency rules following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In between those appointments, he served as the Administrator of the Oregon Division of Insurance in 2008, and the Nevada Insurance Commissioner from December 2008 through June of 2010.

Prior to that, Kipper worked as the senior regional director for the Health Insurance Association of America and America’s Health Insurance Plans, where he directed legislative and regulatory efforts in a number of states, including Oregon, California, Texas, and Colorado. He spent two years on the staff of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in Washington, D.C., as a health analyst, working on senior health insurance issues. He also served as the Government Relations Manager for General Electric Financial Assurance (now Genworth) for 3 years.

Kipper began his regulatory career at the Wyoming Department of Insurance, serving nearly five years as a life and health insurance standards consultant, including form-filing review, consumer liaison, and legislative duties. He started his insurance career as an independent life and health agent in Laramie, Wyoming, in 1985.

Kipper graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in business administration.

