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Many legislative offices are receiving inquiries from private employers with questions about the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Program (PEHCCP). I am sending this email to provide an update of the status of the program.

The Governor has made the PEHCCP Board appointments (with the exception of one Employee representative, which is pending). We have hired a Program Manager and a Board Coordinator and have issued a Request for Information (RFI) to administrators from around the country to determine the extent of services that they can provide. We have consulted with other states that have similar programs and are working with the assistance of the Department of Health and Family Services and the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance in the development of the framework for the program. Although much remains to be done, we still hope to have the program operational by January 1, 2001. The first Board meeting will be held August 23, 2000. Public notices will be sent once the meeting time and agenda are confirmed. While the agenda is tentative, we expect that this initial meeting will accomplish the following:

- Organize the Board & elect the Board Officers;
- Discuss Board responsibilities;
- Present results of the RFI solicitation;
- Present recommended parameters and criteria for approval of the Request for Proposals for the administrator of the program;
- Discuss general concepts related to the direction and goals of the program.

Following the initial Board meeting, copies of the meeting minutes will be available through the PEHCCP office. We also intend to keep you informed of our progress through periodic email updates. If you or your staff have further questions, please feel free to contact me directly at the number above, or Pam Henning, Director of Legislation and Planning, at 267-2929.