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Annual Open Enrollment for GVI Employees & Retirees Runs from August 14 - September 15, 2023

The Division of Personnel announces that Annual Open Enrollment will begin on **Monday, August 14 through Friday, September 15, 2023**. During this time all active Government employees and retirees can take this opportunity to enroll, make changes to his/her health plan, life insurance and/or update their beneficiaries.

The Division of Personnel will be hosting a series of Open Enrollment sessions, territory-wide, in collaboration with the partnering healthcare providers to ensure that both Employees and Retirees can learn more about the benefits they are entitled to. Retirees are strongly encouraged to attend these in-person sessions, as they now have access to Bentek. During these Retiree sessions, staff members will provide hands-on assistance to all Retirees, regarding navigation and the utilization of the Bentek eligibility system.

In-person and virtual Open enrollment sessions begin on **Monday, August 14, and run through Friday, August 18, 2023**, and are split between Active employees, Retirees and Human Resource officers. For the schedule of virtual sessions available for Active Employees, Human Resource Officers and Retirees, please visit <u>www.dopusvi.org</u> or <u>www.gviwellness.org</u>.

In – Person Retiree Only Sessions

St. Croix Monday, August 14, 2023 Time: 10:00 AM to 12PM & 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM Location: DC Canegata Ballpark

St. Thomas Tuesday, August 15, 2023 Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Location: DPNR Conference Room (Viya Building, Tutu Park Mall Parking Lot)

St. John

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Location: Legislative Annex

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3009 Orange Grove Shopping Ctr Suite 6, 7 & 8 Christiansted, Virgin Islands 00820 There will also be important information shared by United Healthcare regarding benefit changes. For all Retirees over the age of 65 under United Healthcare, you will be receiving a new insurance card and a new healthy benefits card effective **January 1, 2024**. Therefore, it is critical that you contact the Group Health Insurance Unit to ensure that your correct mailing address is on file or if it needs to be updated.

All changes must be made by 11:59 PM on September 15, 2023. All new benefits/changes will be effective as of October 1, 2023. Please note that all benefits can be accessed and viewed on Bentek.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the Group Health Insurance Office at (340) 774-8588 or (340) 718-8588.

