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**Innovations in Health Insurance: State Employee Programs**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 12:00 - 1:30 pm**
Lunch provided for attendees at Noon* - presentations begin at 12:15 pm
Philadelphia Convention Center Room 108AB  Philadelphia, PA

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State Employee health benefit programs provide insurance coverage for almost seven million Americans. They often are discussed as models for innovative ideas such as varied premiums based on smoking status or wellness efforts, use of lower-cost Health Savings Accounts and competitive bidding for favorable pricing and coverage. More than 4/5th of states bear some or all risk as "self-insured" programs, which may put them in a spotlight as test cases for a public insurance option. Hear examples and outcomes from leading experts.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Mary P. Habel**, Director, Office of Health Benefits, Virginia Department of Human Resource Management.  Director Habel is responsible for all aspects of administration of a health benefit program with annual spending approaching $1 billion. The program currently serves almost 200,000 employees and retirees of the Commonwealth and local government entities across the state.

**Richard Johnson**, Senior Vice President, Public Sector Health Practice Leader, The Segal Company, Washington, DC. Mr. Johnson has over 30 years of experience in all phases of state and local government health benefit programs, pension and deferred compensation benefit plans, executive benefits, and strategic benefit planning. Mr. Johnson’s public sector clients include the Pennsylvania Public School Employees’ Retirement System Health Options Program, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and the University of Virginia, as well as a number of county governments and school systems.

**Moderator:**  Raúl Burciaga, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, New Mexico Legislature.  Raúl currently is the Staff Chair of NCSL's Standing Committee on Health.

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