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In Benefits Administration Letter (BAL) 99-701, issued on September 17, 1999, we announced revision of the FEHB Handbook and it's availability for viewing and downloading on our web site (www.opm.gov/hr/insure/handbook/FEHB00.htm).   We also announced the Handbook's availability on CD-ROM.

Several individuals contacted us regarding their difficulties with printing sections of the Handbook from our web site. In response to these concerns, we have now added the Handbook to our web site in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Adobe Acrobat creates documents that look the same on the screen as they do on paper. You will now be able to easily download and print a single page or an entire chapter of the Handbook.

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