



United States
Office of Personnel Management
Retirement and Insurance Service

Benefits Administration Letter

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Subject: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: Termination of HIP Health Plan of New Jersey, Code P9

This is to advise you that HIP Health Plan of New Jersey, Code P9, an HMO serving most of New Jersey, will be liquidated and no longer participate in the FEHB Program as of February 19, 1999.

Employees may not newly enroll in HIP of New Jersey. In addition, we are authorizing a special open season for employees enrolled in the plan to allow them to choose new plans. Employees who wish to maintain FEHB coverage **must** enroll in new plans during this special open season.

HIP of New Jersey will send its enrollees a letter on OPM stationery advising them of this special open season. The letter, which enrollees are instructed to present to their personnel offices, explains that the open season is effective immediately and will continue for 30 days from the date of the letter. (However, agencies are asked to apply this cut-off date liberally if necessary.)

Agencies are also asked to identify their employees enrolled in HIP of New Jersey and make sure they know about the need to pick new plans.

Enrollment changes made during this special open season should be made effective retroactive to the first day of the pay period on or before February 19, 1999.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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