

Office of Personnel Management
Retirement and Insurance Service



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Benefits Administration Letter

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Date: June 12, 1995

SUBJECT: FEHB Open Season: Introduction

DATES

Dates

The 1995 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) open season will be held from November 13 through December 11.

HOTLINE

Number

The number for the open season hotline is 202-606-0777, ext. 952.

Purpose

The hotline enables us to provide agencies with information regarding open season efficiently and quickly.

How It Works

The hotline contains a recorded message with information about the 1995 open season. As new information becomes available, the recording is updated.

At the end of the recording, you may leave a message if you have a question about open season.

Users

The hotline is to be used only by **agency headquarters Insurance Officers**.

Employees should direct their questions to their personnel office.

Personnel offices should direct their questions to their headquarters Insurance Officer.

The hotline cannot be used by or on behalf of annuitants.

CHANGES AFFECTING THE 1995 OPEN SEASON

FEHB Guides

There will be no changes in quantity of RI 70-1, the FEHB Guide used by most employees, for the 1995 open season. The same quantity that was printed for the 1994 open season, i.e., an amount equal to 60% of an agency's population, will be printed for this year's open season.

We do not anticipate any reductions in the quantities of RI 70-5 (the FEHB Guide for TCC and spouse equity enrollees) or RI 70-7 (the Guide for overseas employees). However, we do expect that the quantity of RI 70-8 (the Guide for temporary employees) will be reduced, since a smaller percentage of these employees enroll in the FEHB Program.

Audio Cassettes

This year OPM will not be involved in the ordering of audio cassette tapes for the visually impaired. Agencies will order these tapes directly from the open fee-for-service plans, rather than from OPM as in the past.

When we send the Benefits Administration Letter on ordering and distribution (this should be issued in late August), we will send the list of plan contacts for ordering the cassette tapes.

OPM Mainstreet

As was done last year, the Press Release announcing the 1996 rates will be uploaded to OPM Mainstreet.

This year the FEHB Guide (RI 70-1) will also be uploaded to OPM Mainstreet.

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We will also upload the brochure for any health plan that submits its brochure text in an acceptable format.

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