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**TO ALL FEDERAL ENROLLEES OF
AMERICAN HMO HEALTH PLAN- ILLINOIS**

American HMO – Illinois (American Health Care Providers, Inc.) is sending you this important notice at the request of the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

American HMO, enrollment code AC, will not be offered through the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program after July 1, 2000 in the states of Illinois and Indiana. **You must change** to another participating health plan during the special Open Season, May 15, 2000 through June 30, 2000 to continue receiving coverage under the FEHB Program.

Please contact your personnel office to obtain a 2000 Guide to Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans. You may request brochures directly from the health plans at the phone numbers appearing in the Guide. You may also visit the FEHB web site (www.opm.gov/insure) to see plan brochures, the FEHB Guide and obtain valuable information to help you choose a health plan.

TRANSITIONAL CARE UNDER THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

If you (or a family member) have a chronic or disabling condition, or are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy, you have a right to continue seeing your specialist for up to 90 days from this notice or through the end of your post-partum care. Contact your new plan so it can help coordinate your transitional care.

IF YOU ARE AN EMPLOYEE

You should contact your personnel office and enroll in a new plan before the last day of the pay period that ends on or before July 1, 2000. Coverage under your new plan may be effective retroactive to May 7, 2000 but no later than July 2, 2000. If you do not enroll by that date, you will not have any health benefits coverage after July 1, 2000.

IF YOU ARE AN ANNUITANT

Annuitants under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), should call the toll-free number at 1-888-767-6738 to make your enrollment change, as soon as possible. Please have your CSRS or FERS annuity claim number and your Social Security Number available when calling the toll-free number. If you do not elect a new plan, OPM will deem that you have elected to enroll in the standard option of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan. This will ensure your continued coverage and eligibility to participate in the FEHB Program. If Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the plan you want, don't wait for OPM to enroll you. Coverage under your new plan may be effective retroactive to May 1, 2000 but no later than July 1, 2000. You should make your selection now to avoid a delay in receiving your plan identification card. If you are an annuitant of another Federal retirement system, you must contact that system for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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