



***Retirement and Insurance Service  
Benefits Administration Letter***

Number: 01-210

Date: April 19, 2001

**Subject: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: Opportunity for Enrollees of Healthcare Oklahoma, Enrollment Code 6W, to Change Enrollment**

Effective July 1, 2001, Healthcare Oklahoma (code 6W) will terminate its provider agreement with Norman Regional Hospital, Purcell Municipal Hospital and 129 physicians in the Norman, Oklahoma area. Accordingly, the Plan will only provide benefits for emergency visits or admissions to those providers as of July 1, 2001

We are authorizing an opportunity for certain Healthcare Oklahoma enrollees in code 6W, to change their enrollment to another participating plan. Only enrollees who live or work in the following zip codes are eligible to change: 73010, 73019, 73026, 73031, 73037, 73051, 73065, 73068, 73069, 73070, 73071, 73072, 73080, and 73093.

The opportunity to change enrollment will begin immediately and continue through June 30, 2001. The effective date of all enrollment changes will be the first day of the pay period following the one in which an enrollee makes the change, but no later than July 1, 2001.

**Enrollees who do not change plans must contact Healthcare Oklahoma to request a change in Primary Care Physicians.**

Please note that the Plan will send notices to affected enrollees. We have attached a copy of that notice for your information.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attachment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abby L. Block".

Abby L. Block  
Assistant Director  
for Insurance Programs

*Civil Service  
Retirement  
System*

*Federal Employees'  
Group Life  
Insurance Program*

*Federal Employees  
Health Benefits  
Program*

*Federal Employees  
Retirement  
System*

*Long Term  
Care Insurance  
Program*

**TO FEDERAL ENROLLEES OF HEALTHCARE OKLAHOMA (CODE 6W) WHO LIVE OR WORK IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ZIP CODES:**

**73010, 73019, 73026, 73031, 73037, 73051, 73065, 73068, 73069, 73070, 73071, 73072, 73080, and 73093**

Effective, July 1, 2001, Healthcare Oklahoma (code 6W) will terminate its provider agreement with Norman Regional Hospital, Purcell Municipal Hospital and 129 physicians in the Norman, Oklahoma area. Accordingly, the Plan will only provide benefits for emergency visits or admissions to those providers as of July 01, 2001. The closest participating hospital in the Norman area is Southwest Medical Center. **For this reason, we have scheduled a special open enrollment period to allow those affected employees the opportunity to transfer to another participating health plan, should they choose to do so.**

This special open enrollment period is effective immediately and continuing until June 30, 2001. Only Federal enrollees enrolled in Healthcare Oklahoma who live or work in the zip codes indicated above are eligible to enroll in another health plan during this special open season. If you decide to transfer to another participating health plan, please contact your personnel office to obtain a 2001 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 our 2001 FEHB web site ([www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure)) to view a plan's brochure or the FEHB Guide and obtain valuable information to help you choose a health plan. You may want to contact your current provider to find out which plans that provider participates with under the FEHB Program. If you decide to remain enrolled with Healthcare Oklahoma, you should contact the Plan to request a change in Primary Care Physicians.

**IF YOU ARE AN EMPLOYEE**, take a copy of this letter to your personnel office and complete a new Health Benefits Registration Form (SF 2809) if you wish to enroll in a new plan. **The effective date of the new coverage will be the first day of the first full pay period after your personnel office receives your completed 2809.**

**IF YOU ARE AN ANNUITANT** under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), you will receive a separate notice with instructions on how to make enrollment changes. **The effective date of coverage under your new plan will be determined by the retirement office.**

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.