



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

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Date: August 22, 2001

**Subject: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: Opportunity for Enrollees of Prudential HealthCare HMO, Enrollment Code UA and Aetna US Healthcare, Enrollment Code 6J to Change Enrollment**

Effective March 1, 2001, Vanderbilt University Medical Center ended its contract with Prudential HealthCare HMO, enrollment code UA and Aetna US Healthcare, enrollment code 6J in the Nashville, Tennessee area.

We are authorizing an opportunity for Prudential (enrollment code UA) and Aetna (enrollment code 6J) enrollees to change their enrollment to another participating plan. Only enrollees who live or work in the Nashville, Tennessee area are eligible to change.

The opportunity to change enrollment will begin immediately and continue through September 28, 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. **Enrollees who do not change plans must change their Primary Care Physicians.**

The Plan will send a letter to enrollees notifying them of this opportunity to change enrollment.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby L. Block".

Abby L. Block,  
Assistant Director  
for Insurance Programs

Attachment

*Civil Service  
Retirement  
System*

*Federal Employees'  
Group Life  
Insurance Program*

*Federal Employees  
Health Benefits  
Program*

*Federal Employees  
Retirement  
System*

*Long Term  
Care Insurance  
Program*



United States  
**Office of  
Personnel Management**

Washington, D.C. 20415

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Date: August 21, 2001

**TO CERTAIN FEDERAL ENROLLEES OF AETNA U.S. HEALTHCARE, INC. and  
PRUDENTIAL HEALTHCARE HMO -TENNESSEE**

The Office of Personnel Management asked Aetna U.S. Healthcare, Inc. to mail this important notice to you.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center recently ended its provider contract with Aetna U. S. Healthcare (enrollment codes 6J) and Prudential HealthCare (enrollment code UA). We are authorizing an opportunity for enrollees in these codes who live or work in the Nashville, TN area to choose another health plan under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program. **You MAY change your enrollment to another participating health plan to receive benefits under the FEHB Program for the remainder of contract year 2001. Enrollees who do not change plans must change their Primary Care Physicians.**

A special open enrollment period is effective immediately and continues through September 28, 2001. 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 to help you choose a health plan and learn about your transitional care rights.

**IF YOU ARE AN EMPLOYEE**

Please take a copy of this letter to your personnel office and complete a new Health Benefits Registration Form (SF 2809). The effective date of all enrollment changes will be the first day of the pay period following the one in which you make the change, but no later than September 28, 2001.

**IF YOU ARE AN ANNUITANT**

Annuitants under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), should call **toll free at 1-888-767-6738** between **Monday through Friday from 7:30 am – 7:30 pm E.S.T** to make their enrollment changes. Please have your CSRS or FERS annuity claim number and your social security number when calling our toll-free number. If you do not make a new election, you may remain in your plan through contract year 2001. If you are an annuitant of another Federal retirement system, you must contact that system for assistance.

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your cooperation, in this matter.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management  
Office of Insurance Program