



## **FACT SHEET 02-04 Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)**

### **If I am enrolled in FEHBP, can I suspend FEHBP coverage if I'm also CHAMPVA eligible?**

Yes. You can suspend your FEHBP coverage if you are a retired civil service employee or survivor.

### **Why should I suspend FEHBP?**

In many cases, suspending FEHBP when you are CHAMPVA eligible can result in financial savings to you because there are no premium payments for CHAMPVA.

### **How do I suspend my FEHBP coverage?**

You must submit your written request for FEHBP suspension to the Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Programs, Washington, DC 20415-0001. The Retirement Programs Office will send you a Health Benefits Cancellation/Suspension Confirmation form to complete. You will be asked to provide a copy of your CHAMPVA eligibility card. The Retirement Programs Office requires that you also send a copy of your Medicare card showing enrollment in Medicare Parts A and B.

### **What will be the effective date of my FEHBP Program suspension?**

You must designate the effective date of your FEHBP suspension. If the retirement office receives your documentation within 31 days before or after the day you have designated, then the FEHBP suspension date will be effective at midnight the day before your CHAMPVA coverage begins.

### **Can I re-enroll in the FEHBP Program if I involuntarily lose CHAMPVA coverage?**

Yes, if you are advised by us that you are no longer eligible for CHAMPVA benefits, you may re-enroll in FEHBP beginning 31 days before and ending no later than 60 days after the loss of CHAMPVA coverage by submitting your written request to the Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Programs, Washington, DC 20415-0001.

### **Can I re-enroll in the FEHBP Program for a reason other than involuntary loss of CHAMPVA coverage?**

Yes, but you may only do so during FEHBP Open Season.

### **What is the effective date of my FEHBP re-enrollment?**

The effective date of your FEHBP re-enrollment will normally be the date when your CHAMPVA coverage ended. However, if the retirement office does not receive your re-enrollment request within 31 days before or 60 days after your involuntary loss of CHAMPVA coverage, you will have to wait to re-enroll until the next available FEHBP Open Season.

### **How do I get more information?**

- Check out our website at [www.va.gov/hac](http://www.va.gov/hac)
- Write us at PO Box 469063, Denver, CO 80246-9063
- To contact us by email, please go to this web link and follow the directions for submitting secure email: <http://www.va.gov/hac/contact>
- Call 1-800-733-8387