



***Benefits Administration Letter***

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**Subject: 2005 FEHB Withholdings and Contribution Rates**

The official Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) withholdings and contribution rates for 2005 are now available on the OPM web site at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/05rates/>. These are the only rates that agency payroll providers should use to update their systems and are effective for pay periods beginning after December 31, 2004.

The FEHB withholdings and contribution rates are also available in ASCII, DBF, and Excel file formats. If you are a subscriber to "FINPAY" listserv, you will receive all three files. If you are not a FINPAY subscriber and want these files, please email us at [finance@opm.gov](mailto:finance@opm.gov), using "Want FEHB Rates" as the subject. We will email you the three rate files.

With the implementation of the FEHB Centralized Enrollment Clearinghouse (CLER) system, we will no longer provide the FEHB carrier contact information for enrollment reconciliation purposes. Payroll providers should obtain carrier contact information from the CLER website at <https://www.nfc.usda.gov/cler/index2.asp>.

If you have questions about this letter, we would prefer that you email us at [finance@opm.gov](mailto:finance@opm.gov). You may call us on 202-606-0606.

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