



**Retirement and Insurance Service
Benefits Administration Letter**

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Date: November 2, 2000

Subject: 2000 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: Significant Plan Changes – Part 2

PURPOSE

This letter transmits **additional** plan changes affecting certain plans during the upcoming FEHB Open Season. Please note that some of these events will require action on the part of agencies and enrollees. **Some of these changes may not appear in the 2001 FEHB Guide because we received them after the guide was printed.**

You must notify your employees of these additional plan changes so that they may make informed open season elections. Some employees still may not be aware of the need to change plans during open season. Therefore, we encourage you to be liberal in accepting belated open season changes from employees enrolled in terminating plans or enrollment codes.

Table 1: Plans Dropping Out of the FEHB Program for 2001

Table 2: Plans Reducing Their Service Areas Without Terminating an Enrollment Code

Table 3: Plan Mergers

Table 4: Plan Name Changes

Table 5: Enrollment Code Changes

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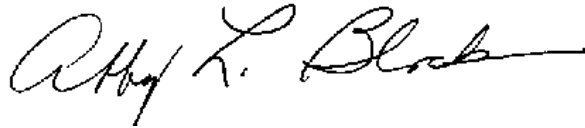
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The FEHB Guides and plan brochures will be available on our web site on November 1, 2000. The FEHB web site is updated daily to reflect the most current information. We encourage you and your employees to visit the web site at www.opm.gov/insure for the most up to date information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Abby L. Block". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Abby L. Block, Chief
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Attachment

TABLE 1

PLANS DROPPING OUT OF FEHB FOR 2001

Employees in these plans who do not change health plans during open season will not have health benefits for 2001.

State	Plan Name	Code
Pennsylvania	First Priority Health	C8
Wisconsin *	Family Health Plan	WH

* Please refer to BAL 00-219 for important information on this plan

TABLE 2

**PLANS REDUCING THEIR SERVICE AREAS
WITHOUT TERMINATING AN ENROLLMENT CODE**

Enrollees in the area being dropped who do not change health plans during open season, will have to travel to their plan's remaining service area to obtain medical care in order to receive full benefits from the plan in 2001.

State	Plan Name	Code	Area Dropped
California	CIGNA HealthCare California	9T	Monterey County
Colorado	PacifiCare of Colorado	D6	Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Fremont, Grand, Huerfano, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lake, La Plata, Lincoln, Logan, Otero, Phillips, Pueblo, Sedgwick, Summit, Washington, Yuma
Indiana	M-Plan	IN	Vigo, Clay, Greene, Owen, Parke, Vermillion, and Sullivan counties

Table 2 Continued: Plans Reducing Their Service Areas Without Terminating an Enrollment Code

Indiana	Maxicare Indiana	GK	Evansville area including the entire counties of Perry, Posey, Spencer, and Vanderburgh Dubois (Zip codes 47532, 47541-47, and 47575 only) Gibson (Zip codes 47639 and 47647 only) Pike (Zip codes 47584-85 and 47590 only) Warwick (Zip codes 47601, 47610, 47613-14, 47619, 47629-30, and 47637 only)
Washington	Aetna U.S. Healthcare	8J	Thurston and Lewis counties
Washington	PacifiCare of Washington	WB	Cowlitz and Lewis counties

TABLE 3

PLAN MERGERS

Enrollees in plans that merge will be transferred automatically to the surviving plan unless they choose a different plan during open season.

State	Merging Plans	Code	Surviving Plans	Code
District of Columbia	Prudential HealthCare HMO	JB	Aetna U.S. Healthcare (High Option)	JN
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North Carolina	Generations Family Health Plan	8B	PARTNERS National Health Plan	EQ
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Virginia	Prudential HealthCare HMO	JB	Aetna U.S. Healthcare (High Option)	JN
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TABLE 4

PLAN NAME CHANGES

State	Plan Name (Old)	Code	Plan Name (New)
New Mexico	Qualmed Plans for Health	PX	Cimarron Health Plan
New Jersey	Qualmed Plans for Health	27	PHS Health Plans
Pennsylvania	Qualmed Plans for Health	27, 2K	PHS Health Plans
Wisconsin	Compcare Health Services	69, 6X	Compcare Blue

TABLE 5

ENROLLMENT CODE CHANGE

You must transfer enrollees in this plan to the new code unless they choose a different plan during open season.

State	Plan Name	Code (Old)	Code (New)
Colorado	Rocky Mountain HMO	88	XJ