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SUBJECT: Proposed regulations

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued proposed regulations on February 10, 2003, to amend the regulations on administrative sanctions of health care providers participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). This proposed rule addresses the financial sanctions provisions of the Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1998, which authorize OPM to impose civil monetary penalties and financial assessments against health care providers who commit certain types of violations against the FEHBP.

The proposed regulation is available at Federal Register Online via GPO Access (www.access.gpo.gov/nara/). To comment, send or deliver written comments by April 11, 2003, to David Cope in the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 6400, Washington, DC 20415, or submit comments electronically to debar@opm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

- proposed regulation