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U.S. Office of Personnel Management Insurance Services Program

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SUBJECT: FEHB Carrier Conference

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) are pleased to announce our annual Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program Carrier Conference. OPM's Acting Director, Dan G. Blair, will be the conference keynote speaker. In addition, other featured speakers include Roy Ramthun, Senior Advisor to Treasury Secretary John W. Snow for Health Affairs on National Health Initiatives and Dr. David J. Brailer, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. We will also address Patient Safety and Consumer Education, as well as other program-wide issues that will affect all plans and issues of special interest to feefor-service and HMO plans.

We want to thank you for your suggestions on topics of interest for this year's conference. We have made every effort to address your recommendations in the general sessions or special interest sessions.

Dates and Location

The conference will be held on April 4th and 5th at the following hotel:

Washington Marriott

1221 22nd Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 Tel: (202) 872-1500 Fax: (202) 872-1424

The hotel is located near historic Georgetown in northwest Washington, DC. It is within 15-30 minutes driving time from Reagan National Airport, about 45 minutes from Dulles International Airport, and three blocks from the Foggy Bottom and DuPont Circle Metro rail stations.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on April 4th. The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end with a reception starting at about 4:30 p.m. On April 5th, sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m.

Conference Registration

AHIP is handling registration for the conference. The registration fee is \$375. Conference registration procedures and the registration form are available on the AHIP Website, http://www.ahip.org or call (877) 291-2247.

For further information about registration, please call the AHIP membership and customer action center at (202) 778-3269 or you may email questions to ahip@ahip.org.

If you have other questions concerning the FEHB Program Carrier Conference, please contact Marhea Perkins at (202) 778-8485 or mperkins@ahip.org.

Hotel Reservations

The conference guest room rate in the Main Single and Main Double is \$185 per night (plus 14.5% tax) until Tuesday, March 8th. For reservations, call the Washington Marriott at (202) 872-1500 or (800) 228-9290 and ask for the AHIP/OPM conference rate.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Sincerely,

Frank D. Titus Assistant Director For Insurance Services

Enclosure