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# FEHB Program Carrier Letter

## All Carriers

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**SUBJECT:** Delayed Annuitant Medicare Match Data

Issues with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) tapes have caused the annuitant Medicare data normally sent to Federal Employees Health Benefits carriers to be delayed until mid-May.

1999 Reconciliation - Medicare Loading Policy -- Because of the delay, community-rated carriers should use the best data you have available and send the rate reconciliation in on time. If after receiving the Medicare data, you believe that there would be a substantive change to the loading, resubmit the Medicare Loading portion of your reconciliation.

If you have any questions about the Medicare match, please contact Agnes Kalland at 202/606-0159.

Sincerely,

*(SIGNED)*

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