
FEHB Program Carrier Letter

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Subject: FEHB Fall Carrier Conference

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP) are excited once again to announce our annual Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program Carrier Conference. This year's conference will address program-wide issues, as well those of special interest to fee-for-service and HMO plans.

This year, we are encouraging plan executives and our plan representatives to attend our conference. Since we will be addressing important policy issues at the conference, we need everyone including decision-makers at the conference so we can receive immediate feedback and buy-in from your organization.

We also want your input! We want your suggestions on the topics that you would like to see presented at this year's conference. What are the issues that most affect your participation in the FEHB Program and that are of most interest to you? We will make every attempt to address your suggested topics at the conference.

We have enclosed a list of possible topics for the conference. Please indicate your preferences and/or suggestions on the enclosure. Please send your responses as soon as possible but no later than **September 14, 2001** to inburfor@opm.gov or fax to Ingrid Burford at (202) 606 – 0633.

Dates and Location

The conference will be held on October 22 & 23, 2001 at the following hotel:

Renaissance Washington DC Hotel
999 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
Tel: (202) - 898 - 9000
Fax: (202) – 289 - 0947

Registration will begin on Sunday October 21, 2001 from 5:00 -7:00 PM and continue on Monday, October 22, 2001 from 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM. On Monday the conference will begin at 9:00 AM and will end with a reception starting at about 5:30 PM. On October 23, sessions begin at 9:00 AM and end at about 3:30 PM that afternoon.

Conference Registration

AAHP is handling registration for the conference. The registration fee is \$345.00. Conference registration procedures and the registration form are available on the AAHP web site, <http://www.aahp.org> or call (877) 291 – AAHP. To ensure your place at the conference you must register by September 28, 2001.

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

If you have other questions concerning the OPM/AAHP Fall Conference, please contact Marhea Perkins at (202) 778 – 8485 or mperkins@aahp.org.

Hotel Reservations

The conference guest room rate for either single or a double room is \$180.00 plus tax. To make reservations, call the Renaissance at (202) 898 – 9000 or (800) HOTELS-1 by Friday, September 28, 2001, and ask for the OPM/AAHP Fall Plan conference rate.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby L. Block". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Abby L. Block
Assistant Director
for Insurance Programs

Enclosure

2001 Fall Plan Conference – Suggested Topics

Below is a list of topics we are considering for the upcoming Fall Plan Conference. Please indicate which topics are most beneficial to you. Email responses to Ingrid Burford at inburfor@opm.gov or fax to (202) 606 – 0633.

Plenary Sessions

- **Patient Bill of Rights Legislation**

- **Performance Measures**
 - Accreditation
 - Patient Safety

Breakouts

- **HIPAA Compliance**

- **FEHB Clearinghouse**

- **Mental Health Evaluation**

- **Prescription Drug Benefits**

- **Other – Please indicate any other topics of interest**