

SUBJECT: 1996 FEHB Open Season: Withdrawal of Healthsource South Carolina

This is to inform you that Healthsource South Carolina (codes M3 and Z8) is withdrawing from the FEHB Program effective December 31, 1996. Unfortunately, the FEHB Guides had already gone to print when the plan made its decision to withdraw, so the plan's name appears in the Guides. Code M3 services the Charleston and upstate areas; Code Z8 services the Columbia and Florence areas.

The plan will send notices of its withdrawal to its enrollees. However, it is important **o** remember that enrollees in the plan who fail to choose another plan duringopen season <u>will have no health benefits for 1997</u>. Consequently, if you have employees in the areas served by the plan, we ask that you notify them directly of the plan's withdrawal.

Thank you for your assistance.

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