

Retirement and Insurance Service Benefits Administration Letter

Number: 99-219 Date: October 26, 1999

Subject: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: Termination of United

HealthCare of Puerto Rico, Enrollment Code 7U.

We have just been informed that United HealthCare of Puerto Rico, code 7U, will cease operations in Puerto Rico effective December 31, 1999. This plan will no longer participate in the FEHB Program.

Since the 2000 FEHB Guides had already gone to print when the plan made its decision to withdraw, the plan's name will appear in the Guides. Please do not allow employees to newly enroll in this plan.

The plan will send notices of its withdrawal to its enrollees. All enrollees in this plan **must** make an open enrollment change to another plan during open season. Enrollees who fail to choose another plan during open season will have no benefits for 2000. Consequently, if you have employees in the area served by the plan, we ask that you notify them directly of the plan's withdrawal.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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