



**Retirement and Insurance Service
Payroll Office Letter**

Number: P-00-10

Date: August 3, 2000

**SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CERTAIN HEALTH ALLIANCE
BENEFIT PLAN (CODE FX) ENROLLEES**

The Health Alliance Benefit Plan (Code FX) will lose most of its primary providers in the Quincy (western Illinois) and Peoria (central Illinois) service areas. OPM, therefore, is authorizing an opportunity for affected Health Alliance Benefit Plan enrollees to change their FEHB enrollments.

QUINCY SERVICE AREA

As of August 31, 2000, coverage in the Quincy service area will no longer be offered through the Health Alliance Benefit Plan for the following counties: Adams, Brown, Pike and Schyler. Note that enrollees residing in Hancock County (also located in the Quincy service area) will not be affected.

The opportunity to change FEHB enrollment for those covered by Quincy service area will begin immediately and continue through the last day of the pay period that includes August 26, 2000. The effective date of *all* enrollment changes will be the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after August 27, 2000.

PEORIA SERVICE AREA

As of December 31, 2000, FEHB coverage in the Peoria service area will no longer be offered through the Health Alliance Benefit Plan for the following counties: Fulton, Henry, Knox, Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, Tazewell, Warren and Woodford.

The opportunity to change FEHB enrollment for those covered by the Peoria service area will begin immediately and continue through the last day of the pay period that includes September 23, 2000. The effective date of *all* enrollment changes will be the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after September 24, 2000.

If enrollees approach you with questions about whether they are affected by this matter, please have them call the Health Alliance Benefit Plan at 1-800-851-3379. If you have any questions, please contact us via email at finance@opm.gov or on (202) 606-0666.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Yuran".

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