



***Retirement and Insurance Service  
Benefits Administration Letter***

Number: 01-407

Date: December 6, 2001

**Subject: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program Open Season:  
Significant Plan Changes – Part 2**

In BAL 01-402, we notified you of significant plan changes occurring at the end of the 2001 contract year. This letter transmits additional significant changes affecting certain plans during the FEHB Open Season. Some of these events will require action on the part of agencies and enrollees to ensure continued or full health benefits coverage. Also note the plans that are dropping out of the Program at the end of 2001. Since employees in these plans **must** enroll in new plans during open season if they are to continue insurance coverage in 2002, we ask that you distribute this list widely within your agencies.

**Corrections**

In the 2001 FEHB Guide, Health Alliance HMO is listed in the state of Iowa with the enrollment code 7X. In the 2002 FEHB Guide, Health Alliance HMO is not listed for the state of Iowa. Please note that this plan will continue to cover Central Iowa for contract year 2002 but the code is now FX.

The 2002 FEHB Guide does not list HMO Blue Texas, Code YM as covering the Houston area. Please note that this is not a change and this plan will continue to cover the Houston, Texas area for contract year 2002.

Please see the attached list of additional changes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby L. Block".

Abby L. Block  
Assistant Director  
for Insurance Programs

Attachment

*Civil Service  
Retirement  
System*

*Federal Employees'  
Group Life  
Insurance Program*

*Federal Employees  
Health Benefits  
Program*

*Federal Employees  
Retirement  
System*

*Federal Long  
Term Care  
Insurance  
Program*

### **Plans Dropping Out of the FEHB Program for 2002**

<b>State</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Code</b>
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MA	Health New England	DJ
NC, SC, VA	Partners NHP of North Carolina	EQ

### **Service Area Expansions**

<b>State</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Counties Added</b>
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TX	Amcare Health Plans	ZG	Collin, Dallas, Denton, Grayson, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, and Tarrant in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area
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WA	KPS Health Plan	VT	King County
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### **Service Area Reductions**

<b>State</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Counties Dropped</b>
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OK	Amcare Health Plans	ZX	Greer, Harmon, and Jackson
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### **Brochure Order Contact Changes**

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