



Benefits Administration Letter

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Date: September 17, 2003

Subject: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season 2003 Rider Information

Attached is the September 2003 FEHB Open Season Rider. Your agency also should receive the rider through regular printing officer channels. Agencies may order the publications on the attached list by riding the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's requisition. Field and regional offices should submit your requirements to your department or agency Washington, DC, area headquarters printing office before the September 26, 2003, cutoff date. In order to provide products to our customers on a timely basis, this cutoff date will not be extended. Products will be shipped to agency distribution points beginning October 17.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank D. Titus".

Frank D. Titus
Assistant Director
for Insurance Services

Attachment

FEHB Open Season 2003 RIDER INFO

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is offering printed copies through the rider system of the following publications. **OPM does not stock supplies of any of the publications.** If you have any questions about this rider, please call (202) 606-0623.

The cutoff date for ordering items from this rider is September 26, 2003. In order to provide products to our customers on a timely basis, this date will not be extended. Products will be shipped to agency distribution points beginning October 17.

These publications will be made available on our website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp>. Since they can be downloaded and printed as needed, this may be a better alternative for items you need in smaller quantities.

The actual cost of items will vary, depending upon the various specifications and quantity. However, the most economical way of obtaining bulk quantities is to ride OPM's printing requisitions.

This is the revised November 2003 edition. The FEHB Guides provide summary information on the health plans participating in the FEHB Program, with information on the plans available in each state, rates, benefits, accreditation, and quality indicators. They also provide information on program features and enrollment instructions.

**RI 70-1,
Guide to Federal Employees
Health Benefits Plans:
For Federal Civilian
Employees**

This 52 page self covered publication is 216 x 280 mm (8 1/2" x 11") and is printed in one color ink, blue (PMS 287), on white sub. 50 offset book stock with a self cover. The previous printing cost was approximately \$.30 per copy.

**RI 70-5,
Guide to Federal Employees
Health Benefits Plans:
For Temporary
Continuation of
Coverage (TCC) and
former Spouse Enrollees
– Individuals Eligible To
Enroll For: TCC or
Coverage under the
spouse equity law or
similar statutes providing
coverage to former
spouses**

This 52 page self covered publication is 216 x 280 mm (8 1/2" x 11") and is printed in one color ink, blue (PMS 287), on green sub. 50 offset book stock with a self cover. The previous printing cost was approximately \$.30 per copy.

**RI 70-6,
Guide
to Federal Employees
Health Benefits Plans:
For Individuals
Receiving Compensation
from the Office of
Workers' Compensation
Programs (OWCP)**

This 52 page separate wraparound covered publication is 216 x 280 mm (8 1/2" x 11") and is printed in one color ink, blue (PMS 287). The text is printed on a white sub. 50 offset book stock while the separate wraparound cover is printed on a White Vellum Finish Cover. The previous printing cost was approximately \$.51 per copy.

**RI 70-8,
Guide
to Federal Employees
Health Benefits Plans:
*For Certain Temporary
Employees – Those
eligible to enroll in the
FEHB Program under 5
U.S.C. 8906a***

This 52 page self covered publication is 216 x 280 mm (8 1/2" x 11") and is printed in one color ink, blue (PMS 287), on buff sub. 50 offset book stock with a self cover. The previous printing cost was approximately \$.30 per copy.

**RI 70-9,
Guide to Federal Employees
Health Benefits Plans:
*For Federal Retirees and
Their Survivors***

This 52 page self covered publication is 216 x 280 mm (8 1/2" x 11") and is printed in one color ink, blue (PMS 287), on white sub. 50 offset book stock with a self cover. The previous printing cost was approximately \$.30 per copy.

**RI 70-10,
Guide
to Federal Employees
Health Benefits Plans:
*For Federal Civilian
Employees – Large Print
Only***

This 52 page self covered publication is 280 x 432 mm (11" x 17") and is printed in one color ink, blue (PMS 287), on white sub. 50 offset book stock with a self cover. The previous printing cost was approximately \$.58 per copy.

Ordering, Cost Estimate and Distribution Information

Departments and agencies may order the publications listed in this issue by riding the OPM printing items indicated below. Field and regional offices should submit their requirements to their department or agency Washington, DC, area headquarters printing officer before the cutoff date shown.

Agencies may estimate costs by using the current GPO price list of printing services and the information given in the description of each publication. **PLEASE NOTE:** The U.S. Office of Personnel Management cannot provide agencies with the exact cost of the individual publications listed in this flyer. The cost agencies will pay is an actual production cost which varies greatly, depending upon the various specifications of the publication, especially the quantity. Individual unit cost can vary significantly, usually decreasing as the total quantity printed increases. Since we are unable to estimate the total quantity that agencies will order, accurate estimates are nearly impossible to gauge.

OPM regrets this inconvenience; however, your agency headquarters printing officer may be able to assist you.

Agencies may order a bulk supply from GPO and make their own distribution to component offices or have GPO make the distribution (distribution list should be attached to the Standard Form 1 showing the number of copies to be sent to each address). **The Unit of Issue is 25 per package, thus the smallest amount of an item that can be ordered is 25. The total quantity of your order for each item must be divisible by 25.**

NOTE: Field or regional activities should coordinate their requirements with their Washington, DC, area headquarters printing officer before submitting any paperwork. GPO will return all requisitions sent directly from field or regional offices.

Item No. FY 2003	Publication Title	ID Number	Refer to Edition	Cutoff Date to GPO (SF 1)
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PLEASE NOTE: OPM has discontinued listing requisition numbers; instead, we are asking you to refer to the item number and title when ordering these publications. Please substitute the item number in the requisition number space on the SF-1. Thank you for your observance of this important change.

1264.	FEHB Guide: For Federal Civilian Employees	RI 70-1	11/03	09/26/03
1265.	FEHB Guide: For TCC & Former Spouse Enrollees	RI 70-5	11/03	09/26/03
1266.	FEHB Guide: For Individuals Receiving Compensation from OWCP	RI 70-6	11/03	09/26/03
1267.	FEHB Guide: For Certain Temporary Employees	RI 70-8	11/03	09/26/03
1268.	FEHB Guide: For Federal Retirees and Their Survivors	RI 70-9	11/03	09/26/03
1269.	FEHB Guide: For Federal Civilian Employees (LARGE Print)	RI 70-10	11/03	09/26/03

Additional information on the publications listed in this issue, questions or suggestions regarding this **CRIS Rider**, may be obtained from the Center for Retirement and Insurance Service by calling (202) 606-0623.