



**United States  
Office of Personnel Management  
Retirement and Insurance Service**

**Benefits Administration Letter**

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**Subject: 1997 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program Open Season:  
BlueCHOICE Health Plan**

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This is to advise you that BlueCHOICE (Code 9G) serves the Illinois counties of Madison and St. Clair as well as the St. Louis/Central/Southwest areas of Missouri. In error, the listing for Illinois was omitted from the 1998 Guide to Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans (which lists the plans and their premium rates). Please bring this to the attention of your employees in Illinois. Premium rates for BlueCHOICE are the same in both Illinois and Missouri.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abby L. Block".

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Abby L. Block, Chief  
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