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## **FEHB Program Carrier Letter**All Carriers

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**Subject:** LIVE WEBCAST: At 9:30 a.m. EST on Monday, December 11, 2000.

During the live webcast Monday, the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will announce the results of a national survey of Americans on the role of quality information in health care decision making and of people's opinions on medical errors. Following the presentation a panel will discuss the implications of the findings.

The announcement is part of the December 11 - 12 Conference "Informing Consumers About Health Care Quality: New Directions for Research and Action" in Bethesda, Maryland. We at OPM are co-sponsoring the conference along with:

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality,
- California HealthCare Foundation,
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and
- Health Care Financing Administration.

For more information about the webcast visit:

http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health\_cast/hcast\_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=8 and about the conference, visit <a href="http://www.opm.gov/carrier/events.html">http://www.opm.gov/carrier/events.html</a>. You do not need to go to the conference to listen to the webcast.

For more information about this letter or our quality initiatives, contact Ellen Tunstall at 202/606-0745.

Sincerely,

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