SUBJECT: Amendment to 2003 RATE INSTRUCTIONS -- Community-Rated Carriers

We are changing the community-rated carrier rate instructions in FEHB Carrier Letter 2002-15 of April 18, 2002. From now on, a similarly sized subscriber group (SSSG) cannot be either...

- a new group (e.g., a group you first contract with between July 2, 2002, and July 1, 2003), or
- a second year group (e.g., starting its second year between July 2, 2002, and July 1, 2003) that would have an adjusted community rate but you do not have complete data for ACR rating.

Please direct questions about this change to Sherry Simon at 202/606-0722 or svsimon@opm.gov.

Sincerely,

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