
FEHB Program Carrier Letter

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SUBJECT: 2006 FEHB Carrier Conference

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) are pleased to announce our annual Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program Carrier Conference. OPM's Director, Linda M. Springer, will be the conference keynote speaker. In addition, other featured speakers include Roy Ramthun, White House Advisor for Health Policy, Tom Wilder, Vice President, Private Market Regulation, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Abby Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices, CMS, and Reed V. Tuckson, M.D., FACP, Senior Vice President of Consumer Health and Medical Care Advancement, UnitedHealth Group. We will also address PBM management and other program-wide issues. A copy of the agenda is attached.

We want to thank you for your suggestions on topics of interest for this year's conference. We have made every effort to address your recommendations. By request, we have assembled an expert panel to answer a number of FEHB Program questions that we received from carriers regarding enrollment issues, brochure language, procedures and policies. If you have any questions that you would like the panel to address, we invite you to submit them to us prior to the conference. You may send them to mary.hartman@opm.gov. – please use “Carrier Conference Panel Question” as the subject line in your email.

Dates and Location

The conference will be held on April 6th and 7th at the following hotel:

Doubletree Hotel
300 Army-Navy Drive
Crystal City, VA 22202
Tel: (703) 416-4100

The hotel is located 10 minutes driving time from Reagan National Airport, about 35 minutes from Dulles International Airport, and three blocks from the Pentagon City Metro rail stations. Shuttle service is available from Reagan National Airport and the Pentagon City Metro rail station.

Conference Registration

AHIP is handling registration for the conference. Conference registration procedures and the registration form are available on the AHIP Website, <http://www.ahip.org/content/default.aspx?docid=7274> or call (877) 291-2247. For further information about registration, please call the AHIP membership and customer action center at (202) 778-3269 or you may email questions to ahip@ahip.org.

If you have other questions concerning the FEHB Program Carrier Conference, please contact Marhea Perkins at (202) 778-8485 or mperkins@ahip.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Sincerely,

Robert F. Danbeck
Associate Director
for Human Resources Products and Services

Enclosure

Office of Personnel Management and America's Health Insurance Plans
2006 FEHB Program Carrier Conference Agenda
April 6-7, 2006

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Thursday, April 6, 2006

7:30 am - 8:45 am **Continental Breakfast**

7:30 am - 5:00 pm **Registration**

9:00 am - 9:30 am **Opening Ceremony**
Candace Schaller, Senior Vice President of Regulatory
Affairs, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Kathleen M. McGettigan, Deputy Associate Director
Center for Retirement and Insurance Services (CRIS),
Division for Human Resources Products and Services
(HRPS), U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Keynote Speaker
Linda M. Springer, Director
OPM

9:30 am - 10:00 am **National Health Care Priorities - 2006/2007**
Roy Ramthun, Special Assistant to the President for
Economic Policy

10:00 am - 10:45 am **Developing Standards for Personal Health Records**
Tom Wilder, Vice President, Private Market Regulation
AHIP

10:45 am - 11:15 am **Break**

11:15 am - Noon **Medicare Update**
Abby Block, Director
Center for Beneficiary Choices, CMS

Noon - 1:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm **Negotiating & Managing PBM Contracts**
Jeff Schulte, Axia Strategies
Tom Schori, Axia Strategies

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm **KP HealthConnect**
Mark Snyder, MD
Associate Medical Director for Information Technology
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm **Dental/Vision Plans, FEHB Call Letter and 2007
Initiatives**

Anne Easton, Manager, Insurance Group
Center for Employee & Family Support Policy, OPM

Ron Ostrich, Chief, Program Planning and Evaluation
Group (PPEG)

Insurance Services Programs (ISP), CRIS, HRPS, OPM

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm **2007 - Year of Healthier Feds**
 Lucy Polk, Work/Life Program Specialist
 SHRP, OPM

**2007 - 50th Anniversary of the President's Physical
 Fitness Campaign**
 Melissa Johnson, Executive Director
 President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
 Department of Health and Human Services

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm **First Day Wrap-Up**
 ISP Chiefs: Ron Ostrich (PPEG), Shirley Patterson
 (HIG I),
 Mary Beth Lynch (HIG II), Bill Stuart (HIG III) and
 Laura Lawrence (FSA, Life and Long Term Care
 Insurances Group)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Reception

Friday, April 7, 2006

7:30 am - 8:45 am **Continental Breakfast**

7:30 am - 4:30 pm **Registration**

9:00 am - 9:10 am **Welcome**
 Ron Ostrich, Chief, PPEG
 ISP, CRIS, HRPS, OPM

9:10 am - 10:00 am **Health Care Disparity**
 Reed V. Tuckson, M.D., FACP
 Senior Vice President of Consumer Health and Medical
 Care Advancement
 UnitedHealth Group

10:00 am - 10:45 am **FEHB Update on ...**

CLER Results
 Eric Figg, Program Analyst, PPEG
 ISP, CRIS, HRPS, OPM

**E-Payroll & Human Resources Line of Business (HR LOB)
 Shared Service Centers**
 Joseph E. Campbell, Project Manager, e-Payroll
 Initiative, Human Resources Integration
 Human Resources Line of Business Program Management
 Office, OPM

FEHB Enrollment Code Expansion
 Mary Hartman, Program Analyst, PPEG
 ISP, CRIS, HRPS, OPM

10:45 am - 11:00 am **Break**

11:00 am - Noon **2007 Brochure Process**
 Joel Warren, Program Analyst, PPEG
 ISP, CRIS, HRPS, OPM

 Angelo Cueto, Technical Support Coordinator, PPEG
 ISP, CRIS, HRPS, OPM

 Steve Cho, Web Developer
 OPM Web Team

Gregg Wenograd, Web Developer
OPM Web Team

Noon - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Because You Asked . . .

Jay Fritz, Program Analysis Officer, PPEG, will moderate an OPM expert panel that will address a variety of short topics, as well as answer questions from the floor

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Break

2:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Concurrent HIG Breakout Meetings

HIG chiefs and staff will meet with the representatives from plans assigned to their Group.