

Tribal Consultation Minutes
Access to Federal Employee Health Benefits and Federal Employee Group Life Insurance
August 16, 2011, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Direct Service Tribes National Meeting
Nashville, TN

OPM Presenters

John O'Brien
Jay Fritz
Chris Meuchner
Louise Dyer
Rachel Aksman

Attendees

Approximately 100

Meeting Agenda

Introductions and Opening of the Consultation Process (O'Brien)
Overview of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (Fritz)
Overview of the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program (Meuchner)
Explanation of Policy Papers (Dyer)
Questions and Answers (OPM Team)

Audience Comments / Questions and Answers

Q: Why do some preferred provider organizations (PPOs) cover IHS facilities and others do not?
A: OPM does not determine who is in the FEHB providers' networks. That is between PPOs and IHS facilities.

Q: Are only employees paid directly through 638 funds eligible for FEHB And FEGLI?
A: No, any employee that works for a Tribe receiving 638 funds is eligible for FEHB and FEGLI. An employee does not need to be paid directly with 638 funds to be eligible for these Programs.

Q: Are tribal contract schools eligible for FEHB and FEGLI?
A: Providing the contract school is carrying out programs under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and directly receiving 638 funds, the contract school is eligible for FEHB and FEGLI.