Benefits Administration Letter

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Subject: 1997 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program Open Season:
FEHB Guide Shipment Delay

This is to advise you that, due to production problems, shipment of the 1998 Guide to Federal
Employees Health Benefits Plans for Federal Civilian Employees (RI 70-1), will be delayed by
as much as five days. The Guides for individuals covered under temporary continuation of
coverage (TCC) and spouse equity coverage (RI 70-5), and for temporary employees (RI 70-8)
will be similarly delayed.

If you do not get your order of these Guides by October 29, 1997, please contact our Forms
Analysis and Design office on 202-606-0623, or email them at RISFORMS@opm.gov.

These delays will not require an extension of Open Season. However, if circumstances arise
that prevent individuals from making timely Open Season changes, remember that agencies
have the authority to permit belated changes in individual cases.

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