



**Retirement and Insurance Service
Benefits Administration Letter**

Number: 02-205

Date: April 23, 2002

**Subject: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: Opportunity for
Enrollees of The Wellness Plan, Enrollment Code K3, to Change Enrollment**

The Wellness Plan (enrollment codes K31 and K32) in the State of Michigan, recently notified us of a serious problem with their provider network. The Wellness Plan will no longer contract with the Henry Ford Medical Center and the following St. John's Medical System locations:

- St John Hospital & Medical Center
22101 Moross
Detroit, MI
- St. John Macomb Hospital
11800 12 Mile Road
Warren, MI
- Providence Hospital & Medical Center
16001 W. Nine Mile Road
Southfield, MI

We are authorizing The Wellness Plan enrollees who are affected by the network disruption to select a new health plan. The opportunity to change enrollment will begin immediately and continue through May 18, 2002. Agencies may apply the cutoff date liberally as necessary. **The effective date of all enrollment changes will be the first day of the pay period in which the enrollee makes the change.**

The Plan will send the attached notice to all enrollees. If enrollees are uncertain whether or not they are affected by the network disruption, they should contact The Wellness Plan for assistance at (800) 875-9355.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Attachment

*Civil Service
Retirement
System*

*Federal Employees'
Group Life
Insurance Program*

*Federal Employees
Health Benefits
Program*

*Federal Employees
Retirement
System*

*Federal Long
Term Care
Insurance
Program*



United States
**Office of
Personnel Management**

Washington, D.C. 20415

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Your Reference:

TO ALL FEDERAL ENROLLEES OF THE WELLNESS PLAN IN MICHIGAN

The Office of Personnel Management asked The Wellness Plan to send this important notice to you.

The Wellness Plan, enrollment codes K31 and K32, will no longer contract with the Henry Ford Medical Center and certain St. John's Health System locations. You should select another health insurance plan if you are affected by this disruption in the provider network.

A special open enrollment period is effective immediately and will continue through May 18, 2002. Please contact your personnel office to obtain a 2002 Guide to Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans. You may request brochures directly from the health plans at the phone numbers appearing in the Guide. You may also visit our 2002 FEHB web site (www.opm.gov/insure) to view plan brochures or the FEHB Guide to help you choose a health plan and learn about your transitional care rights.

IF YOU ARE AN EMPLOYEE

Please take a copy of this letter to your personnel office and complete a new Health Benefits Registration Form (SF 2809). The effective date of the new coverage will be the first day of the pay period in which you change health plans.

IF YOU ARE AN ANNUITANT

Annuitants under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), should call **toll free at 1-888-767-6738 Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm Eastern Time** to make their enrollment changes. If you are hearing impaired, call **1-800-878-6738**. Please have your CSRS or FERS annuity claim number and your Social Security Number when calling our toll-free number. If you are an annuitant of another Federal retirement system, you must contact that system for assistance.

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your cooperation, in this matter.

**U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Office of Insurance Programs**