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# FEHB Program Carrier Letter

## All Carriers

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### **Subject: Preventive Care for Adults**

Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program guidelines on preventive care for adults are based on accepted medical practice established by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). The USPSTF is an independent panel of experts in primary care and prevention, which conducts its evaluations under the auspices of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

AHRQ's 2007 Guide to Clinical Preventive Services, with the most recent USPSTF recommendations, is now available online at <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/pocketgd07/>. We encourage you to review it. You may also obtain copies of the guide by contacting AHRQ at 1-800-358-9295 or by email at [ahrqpubs@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:ahrqpubs@ahrq.hhs.gov).

Please keep in mind when progress in medical technology results in generally accepted procedures or treatments for preventive care and other services, we expect all FEHB carriers to consider the procedures or treatments in their proposals for benefits coverage for the following contract term.

Thank you for your cooperation and your continued commitment to the FEHB Program.

Sincerely,

Howard Weizmann  
Deputy Director