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# FEHB Program Carrier Letter

## All Carriers

U.S. Office of Personnel Management  
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**SUBJECT: FEHB Clearinghouse**

I am writing to advise you that we want to move forward with the implementation of the FEHB Clearinghouse that I first wrote to you about in Carrier Letter 1998-011.

We have recently finished discussions with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan, and they have indicated that they are supportive of a proposal for the clearinghouse submitted to us by the National Finance Center (NFC). As you know, the Service Benefit Plan is the largest carrier in the FEHB Program. Since we will ask FEHB carriers to pay for the clearinghouse based on their enrollment, we are encouraged that our largest carrier supports the concept.

Please read over NFC's proposal, and let us know if you have any questions or concerns with the proposal or with the clearinghouse concept. We will consider any comments we receive by January 14, 2000. If you would like to discuss the clearinghouse concept further, please contact Mike Hodges by phone at 202-606-0745 or by e-mail at [mjhodges@opm.gov](mailto:mjhodges@opm.gov).

Sincerely,

(signed)  
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Enclosure

[[Enclosure not available electronically. See Mike Hodges – 202/606-0745 – for a copy.]]