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**Subject: Department of Defense and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program
Demonstration Project**

The Department of Defense has decided to extend the opportunity for eligible beneficiaries and their family members to enroll in the FEHB/DoD Demonstration Project. The enclosed information was recently sent to all DoD eligible beneficiaries along with a question and answer sheet explaining how FEHB benefits work with Medicare. If you would like a copy of the question and answer sheet, please contact your Contract Specialist.

The DoD will be scheduling Town Hall meetings throughout the month of January to help enroll eligible individuals in demonstration project areas. We ask that all carriers participating in the demonstration project cooperate with DoD and its enrollment vendor (The Iowa Foundation for Medical Care) by providing personnel and assistance in conducting the Town Hall meetings.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact Mike Kaszynski in our Policy and Information Division via the Internet (mwkaszyn@opm.gov) or call him at 202-606-0004. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Frank D. Titus
Assistant Director
for Insurance Programs

Enclosure

THE DOD/FEHBP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT MAY BE FOR YOU!

The Open Season for enrollment in the DoD/Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) Demonstration Project recently closed. We are concerned that many of you who were eligible to enroll have not explored this opportunity.

While this program is not for everybody, if you have Medicare, FEHB benefits combined with your Medicare coverage can provide important additional health care coverage at reasonable cost. For example, if you now have Medicare Parts A and B, and you join one of the fee-for-service plans offered through the FEHBP, you can usually get first dollar coverage (that is, with all deductibles and coinsurance waived) for all your non-prescription medical care provided by the plan. And you'll pay only the deductible and coinsurance for prescription drugs. The enclosed flyer gives more details and answers some of the questions you may have.

DoD contributes a substantial portion of the premium cost for this coverage. You pay only the difference between the DoD contribution and the total premium.

If you think you might be interested in participating in this demonstration project, it's not too late. If you contact us at 1-877-DOD-FEHB (1-877-363-3342) within 30 days from the date you receive this letter, we will send you information on participating plans and an application for enrollment. You'll then have 30 days to make a decision.

But don't delay. If you decide to enroll, it will be effective January 1, 2000, regardless of when we receive your application. That means you must pay a premium for the entire month of January. However, if you received covered health care services, you can submit claims for reimbursement. If you join an HMO, the care you received must have been from a plan provider.

TOWN HALL MEETING INFORMATION

Town Hall Meetings are currently being planned in your area for those persons who are interested in learning more about the DoD/FEHBP Demonstration Program.

A DoD representative will present information about the demonstration and answer questions. Staff will be available to answer individual questions and assist in completing application forms. Depending on location, health insurance companies may be on hand to answer questions about their plans.

Please call 1-877-DOD-FEHB (363-3342) toll-free for further information regarding this project and to order plan brochures. For specific plan information, contact the plan at the number listed in the plan brochure or in the Guide 2000.

Winston-Salem/Greensboro/Highpoint, NC area 8:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 8, 2000
Greensboro American Legion
729 Creek Ridge Road, Greensboro, NC

Winston-Salem/Greensboro/Highpoint, NC area 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 8, 2000
Winston-Salem American Legion
111 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC

Dallas, TX area 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 13, 2000
Ft. Worth American Legion Hall
2817 Carson Street, Ft. Worth, TX

Dallas, TX area 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 13, 2000
Denton VFW
909 Sunset Street, Denton, TX

Dallas, TX area 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 13, 2000
Dallas VFW – Southwest
300 S. Smith Street, Dallas, TX

New Orleans area 8:00 a.m.

Friday, January 14, 2000
New Orleans American Legion Hall
5518 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA

Camp Pendleton area 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 18, 2000
Kay Cenicerros Multipurpose/Senior Center
29995 Evans Road, Sun City, CA
Corner of Newport Rd. and Evans Rd.

Camp Pendleton area 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 18, 2000
Boys and Girls Club of San Marcos
1 Positive Plan, San Marcos, CA

Camp Pendleton area 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 18, 2000
Santee VFW
9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard, Santee, CA

Humboldt County area 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 19, 2000
Ukiah Veteran's Center
293 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA

Redding area 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 20, 2000
Redding VFW
1605 Yuba Street, Redding, CA

PUERTO RICO TOWN HALL MEETING INFORMATION

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Monday, January 10, 2000

8:00 a.m.

Fort Buchanan Community Center
Guaynabo

A bilingual representative will be available after the meeting until 4:00 p.m. to assist you with application forms.

Monday, January 10, 2000

1:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Municipal Fine Arts Center
Caguas

Tuesday, January 11, 2000

8:00 a.m.

Coliseo Ruben Rodriguez de Bayamon, Salon Alcalde
Bayamon

Tuesday, January 11, 2000

1:00 p.m.

Complejo Deportivo Municipal: Roberto Clemente
Volleyball Court
Carolina

Tuesday, January 11, 2000

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A bilingual representative will be available in the Fort Buchanan Community Center in Guaynabo to assist you with application forms.

Wednesday, January 12, 2000

10:00 a.m.

Casa Ulanga
Arecibo

