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SUBJECT: Disclosure of Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

In accordance with regulations implementing Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) recently provided CMS with a required Disclosure Notice of creditable prescription drug coverage. The Disclosure Notice informed CMS that all prescription drug coverage options offered under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program have been determined to meet the regulation's definition of creditable coverage. OPM plans to submit the Disclosure Notice to CMS on an annual basis.

Under CMS' rules, the Disclosure Notice must be submitted to CMS each year, or upon any changes that affects whether the prescription drug coverage is creditable. The deadline for the 2006 benefit year is March 31. For subsequent years, the deadline will be within 60 days after the beginning date of the plan year for which an entity is providing the disclosure to CMS. For purposes of the FEHB Program, this deadline will be 60 days after January 1.

If you should have any questions about the Disclosure Notice process, please contact your contract specialist.

Sincerely,

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for Human Resources Products and Services