
FEHB Program Carrier Letter

All Fee-For-Service Carriers

U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Healthcare and Insurance

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Fee-for-service [5] Experience-rated HMO [n/a] Community-rated HMO [n/a]

SUBJECT: Change to the Standard Contract

2018 Contract Year. Please review Attachment A, which details the proposed Standard Contract changes for Federal Employees Health Benefits Program fee-for-service carriers for Contract Year 2018. If you have comments, please provide them as soon as possible or no later than October 3, 2017.

As we indicated earlier this year, we focused our proposed amendments primarily on revisions necessitated by applicable statutory and/or regulatory provisions. The proposed amendments are as follows:

Utilization of Small Business Concerns

- Section 5.14 (a), and (d) were amended in accordance to November 2016 FAR Clause FAR 52.219-8
 - The contractor may accept the written representation of the subcontractor size and socioeconomic status
 - The subcontractor must be registered in the System Award Management (SAM) system

Equal Opportunity

- Section 5.19 (a) and (c)(5) were amended in accordance to the September 2016 FAR Clause 52.222-26
 - Definitions for “Compensation”, “Compensation information” and “Essential job functions” are now included in the amended FAR clause
 - Language has been added to prohibit the Contractor to discharge an employee or applicant based on any discriminatory actions or measures

Subcontracts for Commercial Items

- Section 5.60 (c)(1) was amended in accordance to the September 2016 FAR Clause 52.222-26
 - Compliance with recently released Executive Orders is included.

- Compliance with the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order is enjoined subject to a court order.

System for Award Management

- Section 5.63 (a), (b), and (c) were amended in accordance to the October 2016 FAR Clause 52.204-7
 - The System for Awards Management will now be identified using the Electronic Funds Transfer Indicator (EFT).
 - Language that references the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) has been removed.

Appendix E

- Appendix E (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), (j), (k), and (l) were amended in accordance to the January 2017 FAR Clause 52.219-9
 - Contract dollar thresholds are updated.
 - OPM made adjustments to the language removing the eSRS reporting requirement for Carriers.

Appendix F FEHB Plan Performance Assessment

- We have updated the Plan Performance Assessment measures for 2018.

Please email your comments to FEHBcontramend@opm.gov, with a copy to your OPM contract representative.

We look forward to working with you on your contract.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure