Office of Personnel Management

Retirement and Insurance Group









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Benefits Administration Letter

Number: 96-415 Date: November 19, 1996

SUBJECT: 1996 FEHB Open Season: Withdrawal of Florida 1st

This is to inform you that Florida 1st (code 3F) is withdrawing from the FEHB Program effective December 31, 1996. Unfortunately, the FEHB Guides had already gone to print when the plan made its decision to withdraw, so the plan's name appears in the Guides Florida 1st services the Florida counties of Polk, Highlands, and Hardee.

The plan will send notices of its withdrawal to its enrollees. However, it is important to remember that enrollees in the plan who fail to choose another plan duringopen season will have no health benefits for 1997. Consequently, if you have employees in the areas served by the plan, we ask that you notify them directly of the plan's withdrawal.

Thank you for your assistance.

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