

United States Office of Personnel Management Retirement and Insurance Service

Benefits Administration Letter

Number: 98-404 Date: March 6, 1998

Subject: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: Termination of

Health Power HMO, Code 3R

This is to inform you that Health Power HMO is terminating enrollment code 3R effective May 1, 1998. This code serves the Northeastern Ohio counties of Cuyahoga and Mahoning.

Employees may not newly enroll in Code 3R. In addition, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is authorizing a special open season for employees enrolled in Code 3R to allow them to choose new plans. Employees who wish to maintain FEHB coverage **must** enroll in new plans during this special open season.

Health Power HMO will send enrollees in Code 3R a letter on OPM stationery advising them of this special open season. The letter, which enrollees must present to their personnel offices, explains that the special open season is effective immediately and will continue no later than 30 days from the date of the letter. (However, agencies are asked to apply this cut-off date liberally if necessary.)

Enrollment changes made during this special open season should become effective as soon as possible and no later than May 1, 1998.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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