



***Retirement and Insurance Service
Payroll Office Letter***

Number: P-99-18

Date: June 30, 1999

Subject: Reservists Serving in Kosovo, Bosnia and Iraq

We are considering a proposal to waive the employee share of Health Benefit premiums for employees who continue their coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHBP) Program while on military furlough (leave without pay) in support of operations in Kosovo, Bosnia and Iraq.

In order to evaluate the proposal, we would appreciate if you would provide this office with the following information:

1. Identify and report the number of employees called to active duty to serve in the military campaigns described as Group A, B and C below;
2. Identify and report the health benefit carrier and the appropriate enrollment codes (self/family; high/standard option) for each enrolled employee identified in step 1; and
3. The period of time each employee is designated for active duty.

Group A - Involuntary call-up of reserves to support operations in Kosovo on Operation Allied Force. Authority: Executive Order 13120 of April 27, 1999; may also reference 10 USC Sec 101 (a)(13);

Group B - National Guard and Reserve members serving in Bosnia on Operation Joint Forge (formerly Joint Guard) under the PSRC authority of December 8, 1995; may also reference 10 USC Sec 101 (a)(13); and

Group C - National Guard and Reserve members serving in Iraq on Operations Northern and Southern Watch. Authority: PSRC authority of February 24, 1998; may also reference 10 USC Sec 101 (a)(13).

To assist you in this endeavor, we have attached a listing of federal agencies with their total ready reserve numbers, identified by the Department of Defense. Please determine if your agency has employees who are on military furlough and participating in one of the campaigns listed above.

*Civil Service
Retirement
System*

*Federal Employees
Group Life
Insurance*

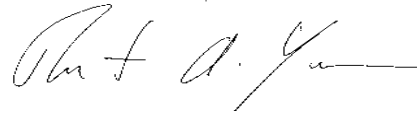
*Federal Employees
Health Benefits
Program*

*Federal Employees
Retirement
System*

It is critical that the requested information be forwarded to us as soon as possible. The data may be faxed to OPM at (202) 606-7944 or mailed to the following address:

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1900 E Street, N.W., Room 3H28
Washington, D.C. 20415
Attn: Mike Finucan

If you have any questions, please call Mike Finucan at (202) 606-8083 or send an e-mail to finance@opm.gov.



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