
FEHB Program Carrier Letter

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SUBJECT: Inspector General Reform Act of 2008

This Carrier Letter provides information on how the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008 (the Act) affects the Final Audit Reports of plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program as well as the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Program, the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program, the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program and the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.

As a result of the Act, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has advised us that it intends to post all Final Audit Reports issued since October 1, 2008 on its website at www.opm.gov/oig. Plans that are the subject of these reports will be contacted directly by the OIG during the next few months.

The following information will now be included in OPM's transmittal letters to carriers:

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is required by the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008 to post this Final Audit Report on the internet. While this is not a release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the OIG will use the general standards of the FOIA to determine if any portion of the Report should be redacted. If you believe that anything in the Report should not be posted, the OIG must receive notice of your objections under the FOIA in writing within 21 days of the date of this letter. The OIG point of contact is Timothy C. Watkins, Counsel to the Inspector General, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 6400, 1900 E Street NW, Washington DC 20415-1100. He can be reached at (202) 606-2030 or at Timothy.Watkins@opm.gov.

Should you have any questions, please contact Timothy Watkins at the telephone number or address listed in the paragraph above.

Sincerely,

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