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IMPORTANT NOTICE OF HEALTH BENEFITS REGULATION¹

Under Office of Personnel Management regulations, employees in a nonpay status are given Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) coverage for up to 1 year but must pay the employee's share of the health insurance premiums. I understand that after 365 days of continuous nonpay status, my health benefits will automatically terminate.²

There is no change in the amount withheld from salary. However, if you are in a nonpay status for an entire pay period, or if your salary for a pay period does not cover the full employee share, you will be responsible for the employee share of the premium. When you enter nonpay status, or your pay is insufficient to cover the premium, you must:

- terminate the enrollment; or
- continue the enrollment and agree to pay the premium or incur a debt.

TERMINATING THE ENROLLMENT

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CONTINUING THE ENROLLMENT AND AGREEING TO PAY THE PREMIUM

If you elect to continue your coverage, you must elect to pay the premiums directly or incur a debt in the amount of the unpaid premiums. If you elect to pay directly, follow the instructions on the front of this notice.

If you elect to incur a debt, or if you elect to pay directly but fail to pay the entire amount due, you will receive a notice stating the total amount due. The notice will be sent when you return to pay status, your pay becomes sufficient, or you separate from employment. By electing to continue coverage, you agree that the amount due will be withheld from salary by deducting the regular premium and an adjusted premium per pay period until the debt is paid. If the amount due cannot be withheld in full from salary, it will be recovered from a lump sum payment of accrued leave, income tax refunds, amounts payable under the Civil Service Retirement System or Federal Employees Retirement System, or any other source normally available for the recovery of a debt due the United States.

The SSA Administrative Instructions Manual System (AIMS) Chapter 06, Instruction 04, outlines the procedures for requesting a waiver for overpayments. Also, employees experiencing extreme financial hardships may request an adjustment in the repayment schedule. Such requests must be in writing and should be addressed to:

Social Security Administration
Servicing Personnel Office
Request for Waiver or Adjustment in Repayment Schedule
Address of SPO

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1. The Telephone number to call for health benefits information in your Servicing Personnel Office is:
 2. If your LWOP is granted to permit you to serve on military duty, in an employee organization or international organization, pending OWCP cases or to accept an intergovernmental personnel assignment, this provision may be modified. Contact your Servicing Personnel Office for an explanation of your rights and obligations under these circumstances.