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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 890

RIN 3203-AK90

#### Suspension of Enrollment in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for Peace Corps Volunteers

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Interim rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim regulation to allow Peace Corps volunteers who are FEHB Program enrolled annuitants, survivors, and former spouses to suspend their FEHB enrollments and then return to the FEHB Program during the Open Season, or return to FEHB coverage immediately, if they involuntarily lose health benefits coverage under the Peace Corps. The intent of this rule is to allow these beneficiaries to avoid the expense of continuing to pay FEHB Program premiums while they have other health coverage as Peace Corps volunteers, without endangering their ability to return to the FEHB Program in the future.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* Effective December 30, 2005.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) allows certain Medicare, Medicaid, CHAMPVA or TRICARE or TRICARE-for-Life eligible FEHB Program annuitants, survivors, and former spouses to suspend their FEHB enrollments and then return to the FEHB Program during

the Open Season; or return to FEHB coverage immediately, if they involuntarily lose coverage. This has allowed these beneficiaries to avoid the expense of continuing to pay FEHB Program premiums while they are using certain Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE or TRICARE-for-Life or CHAMPVA coverage without endangering their ability to return to the FEHB Program in the future. We have determined that individuals eligible for coverage under the Peace Corps should be allowed the same right to suspend FEHB coverage and reenroll in the FEHB Program as we afford these other groups.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the regulation affects only health insurance carriers under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

#### Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Review

This regulation has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with Executive Order 12866.

#### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 890

Administrative practice and procedure, Government employees, Health facilities, Health insurance, Health professionals, Hostages, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Military Personnel, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Retirement.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Linda M. Springer,**

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■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, OPM is amending 5 CFR Part 890 as follows:

#### PART 890—FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

■ 1. The authority citation for part 890 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 8913, sec. 890.803 also issued under 50 U.S.C. 403p, 22 U.S.C. 4069c and 4069c-1; subpart L also issued under sec. 599C of Pub. L. 101-513, 104 Stat. 2064, as amended; sec. 890.102 also issued under secs. 11202(f), 11232(e), 11246 (b) and (c) of Pub. L. 105-33, 111 Stat. 251; and sec. 721 of Pub. L. 105-261, 112 Stat. 2061, unless otherwise noted.

#### Subpart C and Subpart H—[Amended]

■ 2. In part 890, subparts C and H, add the phrase “Peace Corps or” before the acronym “CHAMPVA” each time it appears.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

#### 7 CFR Part 457

RIN 0563-AC07

#### Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Basic Provisions

**AGENCY:** Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Interim rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) amends the Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Basic Provisions (Basic Provisions) to conform to the requirements of section 780 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (2006 Appropriations Act) regarding written agreements and the use of similar agricultural commodities.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** This rule is effective November 25, 2005. Written comments and opinions on this rule will be accepted until the close of business January 30, 2006 and will be considered when the rule is to be made final.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Director, Product Development Division, Risk Management Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 6501 Beacon Drive, Stop 0812, Room 421, Kansas City, MO 64133-4676. Comments titled “Basic Provisions Interim Rule” may be sent via the Internet to [DirectorPDD@rm.fcic.usda.gov](mailto:DirectorPDD@rm.fcic.usda.gov), or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. A copy of each response will be available for public inspection and copying from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., c.s.t., Monday through Friday, except holidays, at the above address.