

**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT****Federal Employees Health Benefits
Program: Medically Underserved Areas
for 2003**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of medically underserved areas for 2003.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has completed its annual determination of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for calendar year 2003. This is necessary to comply with a provision of the FEHB law that mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Accordingly, for calendar year 2003, OPM's calculations show that the following states are Medically Underserved Areas under the FEHB Program: Alabama, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming. We have removed Georgia from the list of calendar year 2003 and added the states of Louisiana, Maine, and West Virginia.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ingrid Burford, 202-606-0004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEHB law (5 U.S.C. 8902(m)(2)) mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. The FEHB law also requires that a State be designated as a Medically Underserved Area if 25 percent or more of the population lives in an area designated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a primary medical care manpower shortage area. Such States are designated as Medically Underserved Areas for purposes of the FEHB Program, and the law requires non-HMO FEHB plans to reimburse beneficiaries, subject to their contract terms, for covered services obtained from any licensed provider in these States.

FEHB regulations (5 CFR 890.701) require OPM to make an annual determination of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas for the next calendar year by comparing the latest HHS State-by-State population counts on primary medical care manpower shortage areas with U.S.

Census figures on State resident populations.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,
Director.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT****Federal Salary Council**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Salary Council will meet at the time and location shown below. The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee organizations and experts in the fields of labor relations or pay policy. The Council makes recommendations to the President's Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management) about the locality pay program for General Schedule employees under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code. The Council's recommendations cover the establishment or modification of locality pay areas, the coverage of salary surveys, the process of comparing Federal and non-Federal rates of pay, and the level of comparability payments that should be paid. This meeting is to formulate the Council's recommendations for locality payments in 2004. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: October 1, 2002, at 10 a.m.

LOCATION: Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 5303 (Pendleton Room) Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Administration, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H31, Washington, DC 20415-8200. Phone (202) 606-2838; FAX (202) 606-0824; or e-mail at payleave@opm.gov.

For the President's Pay Agent.

Kay Coles James,
Director.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION**Plant Tours**

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission tour.

SUMMARY: A Postal Rate Commissioner and staff members will tour Chicago-area mailers' facilities and United States Postal Service (USPS) facilities in mid-September. The purpose of the tours is to observe printing and mailing operations.

DATES: September 11, 2002: Quebecor World Inc. and USPS facilities.
September 12, 2002: USPS facilities.
September 13, 2002: R.R. Donnelley and Sons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6818.

Steven W. Williams,
Secretary.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

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**Filings Under the Public Utility Holding
Company Act of 1935, as Amended
("Act")**

September 4, 2002.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing has been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application/declaration for a complete statements of the proposed transaction summarized below. The application/declaration is available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application/declaration should submit their views in writing by September 30, 2002, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant/declarant at the address specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After September 30, 2002, the application/