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**Subject: Federal Benefits for Certain Full Time Temporary Employees and Employees on Seasonal or Intermittent Work Schedules**

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a final rule on October 17, 2014 allowing agencies to offer Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program coverage to full-time temporary employees and employees who are on intermittent or seasonal work schedules under certain conditions. This new rule was effective on November 17, 2014. On October 20, OPM issued a Benefits Administration Letter (BAL 14-210) describing the new regulation and the eligibility conditions. To view the BAL visit, [CLICK HERE](#).

For newly eligible employees to the Federal benefits programs please see the [Fast Facts attachment](#). The Fast Facts also addresses temporary, seasonal and intermittent employees' eligibility for other federal benefits programs:

- These employees are eligible to enroll in a healthcare flexible spending account through FSAFEDS.
- These employees are eligible to apply for coverage in the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP).
- These employees remain ineligible for Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) and cannot enroll based on applicable FEGLI regulations.
- These employees remain ineligible for the Federal Employees Dental Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) and cannot enroll based on applicable FEDVIP regulations.

Temporary, intermittent and seasonal employees may not be eligible for a federal retirement program.

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