

Federal Benefits Open Season for 2014 Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) Open Season will take place November 11, 2013 through December 9, 2013 as part of the Federal Benefits Open Season. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has contracted with 14 carriers (10 dental carriers and 4 vision carriers) to provide comprehensive dental or vision services to Federal and United States Postal Service (USPS) employees, annuitants, compensationers, and survivor annuitants under FEDVIP. Some carriers only service selected areas, and employees must verify that the carrier they select provides service in their area.

What are the 14 official FEDVIP carriers?

Dental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aetna Life Insurance Company - www.aetnafeds.com • Government Employees Health Association, Inc. (GEHA) - www.gehadental.com • MetLife Inc. - www.federaldental.metlife.com • United Concordia Companies, Inc. - www.uccifedvip.com • EmblemHealth (Serving selected states) - www.emblemhealth.com • Humana Dental Company (Serving selected states) - www.fed.dentaladvantage.com/benefits.com • Triple-S Salud, Inc. (Serving Puerto Rico only) - www.ssspr.com • New for 2014 – Delta Dental – www.deltadentalfed.org • New for 2014 – FEP BlueDental – www.fepblue.org • New for 2014 – Dominion Dental (Serving selected states) – www.federaldentalplans.com
Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEP BlueVision - www.fepblue.org • UnitedHealthcare Vision Plan - https://www.myuhcvision.com/members/fedvip_index.jsp • Vision Service Plan (VSP) - www.choosevsp.com • New for 2014 – Aetna Vision – www.aetnafeds.com/vision

How much are premiums? The premiums will vary by plan and by enrollment type. For plan premium information, please visit: www.opm.gov and click the **Insurance** tab at the top of the page. Scroll down and on the left side, please click the down-arrow for the **Dental & Vision** section, and then click on the **Plan Information** link. Please click the **Premiums** tab for dental and vision premiums.

Are premiums paid on a pre-tax basis? Yes. FEDVIP coverage qualifies for pre-tax deduction of premiums (premium conversion) for active employees. Pre-tax premiums are not available to annuitants, survivor annuitants, or compensationers. Employees may not opt out of premium conversion.

How do I enroll? Enrollment in FEDVIP takes place exclusively through BENEFEDS at www.BENEFEDS.com or by telephone at: 1-877-888-3337 (1-877-888-FEDS) or TTY 1-877-889-5680. Enrollment in FEDVIP does NOT take place directly with an insurance plan or by contacting the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC). Employees must enroll via BENEFEDS.

When will my coverage be effective? FEDVIP coverage, for those who enroll during this year's Open Season, will be effective January 1, 2014. Deductions for coverage will start with the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

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Does my FEDVIP coverage automatically continue from year to year? Yes. Your coverage continues unchanged, unless you make a change during Open Season or as a result of a Qualifying Life Event (QLE) that permits a change outside of Open Season. If you are currently enrolled and do not cancel coverage during Open Season, you are obligated to pay premiums for all of 2014.

For further information, you may visit: <http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance>.

Any questions concerning this notice, contact:
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1-877-677-2123 (1-877-NSSC123) or nssc-contactcenter@nasa.gov