

BENEFITS BULLETIN

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BULLETIN NO: 11-11
SUBJECT: Federal Benefits Open Season Webcasts
TO: All Employees
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The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will provide five informational webcasts for the Federal Benefits Open Season beginning on November 2nd. The basics of Open Season and the benefits programs involved will be explained.

- To view webcasts go to <http://pointers.audiovideoweb.com/stcasx/il83winlive3146/play.aspx>
- For captioning go to <http://textcast.peoplesupport.com/textcast.asp?stream=usopm>
- A recording of each webcast will be posted to www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/videos.asp

Webcast Topic	Date & Time
Introduction to Open Season	Wednesday, 11/2 1:30 - 2:30 pm Eastern
The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)	Tuesday, 11/8 1:30 - 2:30 pm Eastern
The Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS)	Thursday, 11/10 1:30 - 2:30 pm Eastern
The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB): Do I Have the Right Health Plan?	Tuesday, 11/15 1:30 - 2:30 pm Eastern
Medicare and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB)	Thursday, 11/17 1:30 - 2:30 pm Eastern

OPM's Viewing tips:

To view broadcast online, you must use a broadband (high-speed) internet connection. Do not use CITRIX or a dial-up internet connection to view the webcast. You will need Windows Media Player 9.x or higher to view the webcast. Due to bandwidth issues, you may want to view as a group if possible.

The webcast stream will become active 24 hours prior to the broadcast time. You can test during this time by going to <http://pointers.audiovideoweb.com/stcasx/il83winlive3146/play.asx>. If you have any issues, contact your IT helpdesk.

The webcast and captioning will run in two separate windows and will need to run side by side. If you wish to view the captioning you will need to download a SUN Java plug-in. Go to <http://textcast.peoplesupport.com/textcast.asp?stream=usopm> and it will prompt you for the download if you do not already have it.

If you miss a webcast, you can watch a recording of it at www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/videos.asp. The recordings will be posted the same day that they are broadcast.

Contact your [Benefits Specialist](#) if you have any questions regarding the information in this Bulletin. All Benefits Bulletins are posted on the Pay & Benefits webpage at <http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pb/benefitsbulletin.html>.