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MIDNIGHT MADNESS!



Counselors at the Army Benefits Center -Civilian (ABC-C) will be available until midnight (12:00 am Central Time) only on Monday, December 10, 2012, for the last day of Open Season.

To make your FEHB election, please visit ABC-C website the at

https://www.abc.army.mil, and click on Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS). **REMINDER:** EBIS is accessible only by Common Access Card (CAC). You can access EBIS from a government computer OR your personal computer with a CAC reader installed and configured. At the EBIS homepage, you will enter your Social Security Number (SSN) and six-digit ABC-C PIN. Once you have logged into EBIS, click on the "Transactions" button and select "Open Season."

You may also contact the ABC-C at 1-877-276-9287, and have a benefits counselor provide assistance in navigating EBIS. For contact information on FSA and FEDVIP, see the article below.

Don't Forget FSA and FEDVIP

It is also Open Season for the Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). To make an election you will need to contact FSAFEDS (FSA) and BENEFEDS (FEDVIP):

- FSA Visit www.FSAFEDS.com or call 1-877-FSAFEDS (1-877-372-3337) or TTY 1-800-952-0450
- FEDVIP Visit BENEFEDS at www.BENEFEDS.com or by telephone at 1-877-888-FEDS (1-877-888-3337) or TTY 1-877-889-5680

Both FSAFEDS and BENEFEDS will be accepting calls on Monday, December 10, 2012 until midnight (Eastern Time).

When Will My Benefits Change Be Effective?

BENEFIT	EFFECTIVE DATE	LES DATE
FEHB	January 13, 2013	February 7, 2013
FEDVIP	January 1, 2013	January 24, 2013
FSAFEDS	January 1, 2013	January 24, 2013

NOTE: LES dates shown are for Department of Army and Army National Guard employees; dates for DCMA and Air National Guard will be February 1, 2013 for FEHB, and January 18, 2013 for FEDVIP and FSAFEDS.

How Do I Contact the ABC-C?

To speak to one of our knowledgeable benefits counselors, please call toll-free 1-877-276-9287 or TDD at 1-877-276-9833. OCONUS telephone numbers are listed below. Normal operating hours are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm CT, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

OCONUS Telephone Numbers

Belgium	0800-78245		
Germany	0800-1010282		
Italy	800-780821		
Japan	00531-1-20378		
Korea	00798-14-800-4766		
Kuwait	1-877-276-9287		
(Dial 809-463-3376 for DSN line, wait for tone,			
and then dial the toll free number)			
Netherlands	0800-0232739		
Saudi Arabia	1-877-276-9287		
United Kingdom	08-000857723		

Use the chart below to contact a benefits counselor.

Select:

- 1 = Army Civilian
- 2 = DCMA
- 3 = National Guard
- 4 = Non Appropriated Fund or Uniformed Service Member

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