## Important: New Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) Regulations and Announcement of Suspension Period for FLTCIP Applicants

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) suspended applications for coverage under the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) effective December 19, 2022.

OPM suspended applications for coverage under the FLTCIP to allow OPM and the FLTCIP carrier, John Hancock Life & Health Insurance Company, the time to thoroughly assess benefit offerings and establish sustainable premium rates that reasonably and equitably reflect the cost of the benefits provided, as required under 5 U.S.C. 9003(b)(2). For additional information about FLTCIP premiums, you may visit <a href="LTCFEDS.com/about-premiums">LTCFEDS.com/about-premiums</a>.

OPM has determined that a suspension of applications for FLTCIP coverage, including coverage increases, is in the best interest of the program. OPM published a Federal Register Notice of Suspension [7] for current and newly eligible individuals applying for coverage under the FLTCIP after the final regulation was published.

As of December 19, 2022, individuals not currently enrolled may not apply for coverage, and current enrollees may not apply to increase their coverage. The suspension will remain in effect for 24 months, unless OPM issues a subsequent notice to end or extend the suspension period.

Eligible individuals who submitted an application for FLTCIP prior to the start of the suspension period will have their application considered. If the application is approved for coverage, then the individual will receive a benefit booklet and schedule of benefits with complete coverage information.

Current enrollees' coverage status will not change as long as they continue to pay premium. For those in a claim status, there is no change to coverage or the claims reimbursement process as long as benefits have not been exhausted.

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