



FEHB PREMIUMS AND TECHNICIANS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY

The Department of Defense has finalized its policy to pay the premiums for those National Guard technicians called to Active Duty to support contingency operations. This includes Title 10, section 101(a)(13) orders to serve in:

Operation Joint Endeavor –
Bosnia
Operation Joint Guard – Bosnia
Operation Joint Forge - Bosnia
Operation Southern Watch-
Iraqi Crisis
Operation Northern Watch –
Iraqi Crisis
Operation Allied Force –
Kosovo
Operation Enduring Freedom –
911 Terrorist Attacks
Operation Noble Eagle – 911
Terrorist Attacks

The active duty must be for at least 30 consecutive days, the technician must be on LWOP-US, and must elect to continue FEHB for no more than 18 months while on orders.

Those technicians who choose to use a day of pay during each pay period in order to keep benefits current will ***not*** be eligible for premium payment on their behalf. Only those technicians who go LWOP and elect to retain their FEHB can receive the payments from DOD.

In the event that you volunteer or are ordered to active duty to support a contingency operation, it is ***your*** duty to let the HRO know in advance. By doing so, you ensure that the Employee Relations section can provide you with current information and forms to make elections about FEHB and annual leave. The Human Resource Office ***must*** create an SF50 either separating you to perform military duty, or putting you on LWOP-US in order for you to receive the premium payment on your behalf.

If you have further questions, please call Mrs. Geni Hatch at DSN: 867-8286 (ext 1286)