

**ADVISORY LETTER**

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May 10, 2002

**TO: ALL FIR MEMBER COMPANIES**

Gentlemen and Mesdames:

**Re: Premium Rates for Extended Health Benefit Plan to Increase**

Pacific Blue Cross's premium rates for the FIR – I.W.A. Extended Health Benefit Plan will be increased effective June 1, 2002. This premium is being increased due to rapidly rising prescription drug costs and government downloading of health care costs.

You will be receiving separate notification of this change from Pacific Blue Cross, the carrier for the Extended Health Benefit Plan. The new rates are indicated below:

<b>Extended Health Benefits</b>		
	<b>Present Rates</b>	<b>Effective June 1, 2002</b>
Single	\$12.05/mo	\$16.30/mo
Family	\$34.60/mo	\$41.10/mo

The FIR – I.W.A. premium rates, even after this adjustment, are approximately 20% less expensive than the non-FIR rates for the Extended Health Benefits.

Yours very truly,



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