



National Postal Mail Handlers Union

THE BREAKDOWN

TIME FOR A CHANGE?

OPEN SEASON FOR FEHB, FEDVIP AND FSA BEGINS 11/10/08

It's Open Season — that time of year when employees can sign up for benefit programs, change enrollments or cancel their participation. Three benefit programs — the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB), Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance (FEDVIP) — begin November 10, 2008. Employees can make FEHB and FSA elections on PostaleASE. FEDVIP elections can be made at benefeds.com.

Open Season Deadlines	
Federal Employees Dental & Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)	Now through Dec. 8 11:59 p.m. ET
Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program	Now through Dec. 9 5 p.m. CT
Annual Leave Exchange	Nov. 15 through Dec. 15 11:59 p.m. CT
Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)	Now through Dec. 28 5 p.m. CT



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40,000 Layoffs at the Postal Service – NOT TRUE

A news story currently in wide circulation is reporting that the Postal Service will soon layoff 40,000 employees. This story is not accurate. Originating out of Shreveport, LA, the story does quote a Postal Service spokesperson. Unfortunately, that spokesperson was in error. The Postal Service is not laying off employees. Efforts to match our workforce to a reduced workload are focused on voluntary early retirements. Voluntary early retirement has been offered to a number of employees and to date, 3,685 employees have accepted the offer.



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