

BENEFITS BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Reminder - Long Term Care Insurance Open Season closes 6/24
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The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) Open Season is in full swing. It began April 4 and continues through June 24, 2011. This is the first abbreviated underwriting opportunity (applicants answer just seven health questions) for non-enrolled applicants since 2002. Now is a great time to learn more and apply! Find out if you are eligible to apply with abbreviated underwriting by reviewing the eligibility requirements [here](#).

- FLTCIP has [launched an online tool](#) to help guide users through the process. The interactive Online Consultant Tool employs video, interviews, charts and other features to inform feds of the costs of long-term care insurance and the choices available. For example, you can enter your benefits selections and the tool will produce a coverage summary with the corresponding premium rates. A cost-of-care map also helps you to compare the cost of the benefit in cities across the country and estimate future rate hikes based on inflation.
- FLTCIP is also presenting several more informational webinars to assist you in making a decision about applying for this insurance on the following dates: **May 25, June 14 & June 15**. Go to <https://www.ltcfeds.com/webinar/index.html> to register. On this site you can also view and listen to a previously held webinar. Just click on a previous webinar date to access.
- For additional information regarding FLTCIP, go to their website at www.LTCFEDS.com or contact an FLTCIP customer representative at 1-800-582-3337 (TTY: 1-800-843-3557).

By preparing now, you can help protect your income and assets – and the lifestyle of those you care about most.

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