



## *What's New*

### *From the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team (BEST)*

#### **6 June 2002**

##### **Agency-Paid Health Insurance Premiums for Reservists Called to Military Active Duty.**

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense has authorized Federal agencies to pay the employee's share of FEHB premiums for employees called to active duty in support of a contingency operation; specifically, Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq, and the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. The maximum period of eligibility for these premium payments is 18 months for each period of active duty. To be eligible, an employee must be enrolled and elect to retain FEHB coverage while on active duty; a member of a Reserve component of the armed forces; must be called to active duty in support of a contingency operation; placed on leave without pay or separated from service to perform active duty service; and the period of active duty must extend beyond 30 consecutive days. BEST will identify those employees who elected to continue their FEHB enrollment and are currently on active duty and submit certification of their eligibility for this benefit to payroll so payment of the premiums can be made. Procedures for the agency to make retroactive payments to employees for premiums previously paid have not been issued.

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**Thrift Savings Plan Rates of Return Posted 5 June 2002.** The monthly G, F, C, S, and I Fund returns represent the actual total rates of return used to allocate monthly earnings for May 2002 to participant accounts, after deduction for administrative costs, trading costs, and accrued investment management fees. Percentages in ( ) are negative returns. For more information, go to the TSP Home page at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) and click on Rates of Returns.

	<b>G Fund</b>	<b>F Fund</b>	<b>C Fund</b>	<b>S Fund</b>	<b>I Fund</b>
May 2002	0.45%	0.88%	(0.75%)	(2.39%)	1.29%
<u>Last 12 Months</u> (6/1/2001 - 5/31/2002)	5.36%	8.19%	(13.95%)	(5.12%)	(9.67%)