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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 11439 - Health insurance coverage for certain civil service survivor annuitants.

This bill grants eligibility for health insurance coverage to certain survivor annuitants whose civil service retirement annuities were terminated and later restored.

The purpose of H.R. 11439 is to give survivor annuitants the opportunity to reenroll in an FEHB plan in the event their annuities are restored. This opportunity would be available only to annuitants who were participating in the FEHB program at the time their annuities were terminated by remarriage.

The bill will be effective October 1, 1976, and will apply to survivors whose annuities are restored before, on, or after such date.

The President has signed H.R. 12188 - Community Services Act Technical Amendments of 1976. This bill makes technical and conforming amendments to the Headstart, Economic Opportunity, and Community Partnership Act of 1974.

H.R. 12188 will also provide that funds appropriated to carry out any program under the Act which are not obligated before the end of the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated will remain available for obligation during the following fiscal year.

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