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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees Health Benefits Program:

Medically Underserved Areas for 2000

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice of Medically
Underserved Areas for 2000.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has completed its annual determination of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for the calendar year 2000. This is necessary to comply with a provision of FEHB law that mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Accordingly, for calendar year 2000, OPM's calculations show that the following States are Medically Underserved Areas under the FEHB Program: Alabama, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Kentucky, Missouri, and Utah are new for 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Karen Leibach, 202-606-0004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEHB law (5 U.S.C. 8902(m)(2)) mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Such States are designated as Medically Underserved Areas for purposes of the

FEHB Program, and the law requires plan payments to all qualified providers in these States.

FEHB regulations (5 CFR 890.701) require OPM to make an annual determination of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas for the next calendar year by comparing the latest Department of Health and Human Services State-by-State population counts on primary medical care manpower shortage areas with U.S. Census figures on State resident populations.

Office of Personnel Management.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

The National Partnership Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., September 15,
1999.

PLACE: Alan K. Campbell Auditorium,
U.S. Office of Personnel Management,
Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E
Street, NW., Washington, DC. The
Campbell Auditorium is located on the
ground floor.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the
public. Seating will be available on a
first-come, first-served basis.
Individuals with special access needs
wishing to attend should contact OPM
at the number shown below to obtain
appropriate accommodations.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: This
meeting will consist of an awards
ceremony. The 1999 John N. Sturdivant
National Partnership Award will be
presented to this year's winners. The
John N. Sturdivant National Partnership
Award is given in recognition of
outstanding labor-management
partnership activities.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Jeffrey Sumberg, Director, Center for
Partnership and Labor-Management
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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The American Franklin Life Insurance Company, et al.

August 26, 1999.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange
Commission (the "Commission" or
"SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application for an
order pursuant to Section 26(b) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940 (the
"1940 Act") approving certain
substitutions of securities.

Summary of Application

Applicants request an order to permit a certain registered unit investment trust to substitute shares of EQ Advisors Trust, a registered open-end investment company, for shares of The Hudson River Trust, another registered open-end investment company, currently held by the unit investment trust.

Applicants

The American Franklin Life Insurance Company and Separate Account VUL of The American Franklin Life Insurance Company (collectively the "Applicants").

Filing Date

The application was filed on July 1, 1999, and amended and restarted on August 13, 1999.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing

An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on September 20, 1999, and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and
Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street,
NW., Washington DC 20549-0609.

Applicants: The American Franklin Life
Insurance Company, #1 Franklin
Square, Springfield, Illinois 62713, Attn:
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