

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

BUREAU OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20415

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President  
Government Employees Health Assn.  
Post Office Box 463  
Washington, D. C. 20044

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of August 16, 1966, verifying the proposals you had made previously for benefit changes in the Association health benefits plan and submitting the proposed increases in premium rates for the contract period beginning January 1, 1967.

Your proposals for benefit changes are approved. We have some questions as to why you want to make a distinction, and how you are going to determine, as to whether or not attempted suicide, alcoholism, or drug addiction are associated with a mental illness, but I presume you have or will establish some standards for administration of the 2 provisions. I also presume that an attempted suicide not associated with a mental illness will be treated as any other accident, whether hospital confined or not.

The increases in premium rates are also approved. Since you submitted them in monthly, instead of biweekly, net-to-survivor rates, we have converted them to biweekly rates of \$9.80 for self only enrollment and \$10.55 for self and family. These are not the same as what Mr. Thomas Conway gave us over the telephone so let us know if they are not correct.

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[Redacted]

Sincerely yours,

*Andrew H. Giddens*  
Andrew H. Giddens  
Director

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they have approved elimination  
of low option even though  
not spelled out above.*

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