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Guide to Federal Benefits for Federal Retirees and Their Survivors

Pursuant to a congressional request, GAO provided current information on private sector and federal white-collar employee compensation packages. By law, federal employees' salaries are set at a level equitable and comparable with similar levels of work in the private sector, unless the President proposes alternative federal pay rates. There is no such requirement for benefits comparability. GAO analyzed several pay and benefits comparability studies conducted by private and federal organizations, but did not independently validate the data contained in the studies. GAO noted that an independent study found that: (1) as of 1984, federal employees' total compensation averaged 7.2 percent less than that for private sector employees; and (2) in 1985, the difference increased to 9 percent or more because the federal pay increase for 1985 was limited to less than the average pay increase in the private sector. GAO found that: (1) frequent presidential use of alternative pay rates caused pay for federal employees to lag significantly behind that for private sector employees; (2) an 18.28 percent federal pay increase would be necessary to achieve federal pay comparability in 1985; (3) the federal retirement system is better than the average private sector system because it is worth more as a percentage of the average employee's pay, and federal retirement benefits are adjusted annually to offset consumer price increases; (4) private studies indicated that private sector employers generally pay a higher share of employee health insurance premiums than does the government; (5) private sector employee life insurance programs provide more basic coverage than the federal employee program, usually at no cost to the employee; (6) while federal employees generally receive

one less holiday than private sector employees, this is offset by more generous federal annual leave benefits; and (7) federal sick leave lags behind the average private sector illness and disability income plan by 0.7 percent of pay. This annual, updated year 2017 edition of the "Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors" includes resources to help veterans access their benefits. You will find a listing of various toll-free phone numbers, plus world wide web locations and a directory of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities available throughout the United States. Discusses all types of benefits, including health, housing, education, and more. U.S. military veterans, their family dependents and survivors will easily be able to find sources for the benefits that they need with this handy guide.

Understanding Your Federal Benefits: For the New Retirement Climate is a must read that provides clear and concise answers to the most commonly asked benefits questions, as well as those you may not have considered. Over the past 23 years of helping government employees, I realized it doesn't matter what an employee's GS level is or the number of years in government service. Eighty to 85 percent of people who I consulted with did not understand the majority their Federal Employee Benefits. Understanding your benefits is the KEY to YOUR FINANCIAL SUCCESS. Navigating this new retirement climate we find ourselves in requires a competent guide and a willingness to change.

The United States is unique among economically advanced nations in its reliance on employers to provide health benefits voluntarily for workers and their families. Although it is well known that this system fails to reach millions of these individuals as well as others who have no connection to the work place, the system has other weaknesses. It also has many advantages. Because most proposals for health care reform assume some continued role for employers, this book makes an important contribution by describing the strength and limitations of the current system of employment-based health benefits. It provides the data and analysis needed to understand the historical, social, and economic dynamics that have shaped present-day arrangements and outlines what might be done to overcome some of the access, value, and equity problems associated with current employer, insurer, and government policies and practices. Health insurance terminology is often perplexing, and this volume defines essential concepts clearly and carefully. Using an array of primary sources, it provides a store of information on who is covered for what services at what costs, on how programs vary by employer size and industry, and on what governments do and do not do to oversee employment-based health programs. A case study adapted from real organizations' experiences illustrates some of the practical challenges in designing, managing, and revising benefit programs. The sometimes unintended and unwanted consequences of employer practices for workers and health care providers are explored. Understanding the concepts of risk, biased risk selection, and risk segmentation is fundamental to sound health care reform. This volume thoroughly examines these key concepts and how they complicate efforts to achieve efficiency and equity in health coverage and health care. With health care reform at the forefront of public attention, this volume will be important to policymakers and regulators, employee benefit managers and other executives, trade associations, and decisionmakers in the health insurance industry, as well as analysts, researchers, and students of health policy.

The Educated Fed is a self-help book for federal employees who want to learn how to maximize their federal benefits for retirement. Inside you'll find answers you didn't even know you had questions for...With the help of a retired Department of Defense employee, Caine will walk you through all of the moving parts that are your federal benefits and show you which ones you have control of, which ones will make you money, and which ones could cost you. Even though we're in the information age, we've found out that an "informed" federal employee is not as well positioned as an "educated" federal employee. The Educated Fed aims to address the gap between information and real education that we observed in teaching hundreds of federal benefits workshops across the country for numerous agencies. Throughout this text, find out how your retirement could be affected by: -FERS & CSRS-SSB-FEGLI-FEHB-SSI-TSP-...and, perhaps most importantly, learn how it's possible to get a raise as you go into retirement. Are your federal benefits at risk? Are we at the point of every man/woman for themselves? FedSavvy will take you through the complexities of the federal retirement system so that you can make informed decisions about your financial future. Federal

Employees have some great benefits, however, going through the maze to figure out if you are taking advantage of them can sometimes be complicated. At present, most federal employees are feeling threatened because the Congressional Budget Office is dangling a knife over their benefits. Build a meaningful and profitable retirement profile, by understanding:

- How to calculate your CSRS and FERS pension
- Documents you will need to have
- The best dates to retire
- Credit for unused sick leave and annual leave
- How does Social Security affect the CSRS annuity
- VCP - the best benefit for CSRS and CSRS Offset
- How to not only save but allocate your funds in the Thrift Savings Plan
- Sequential Income Planning with TSP
- Magic Numbers for TSP
- An understanding of the Federal Insurance Programs: FEHB, FEGLI, and FLTCIP

Considers (80) S. 1492. Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors is the annual publication from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that provides a complete summary of all Federal benefits available to qualified American veterans of the United States armed forces, including their dependents and survivors. It is the must-have resource for veterans and veterans' families to use to ensure that they have the latest information on the benefits and rights earned by these veterans in service of our nation. The inside front cover has a handy Quick Reference list of valuable phone numbers and web sites. The last section of the book includes a list of all VA facilities by state. Throughout this valuable publication is authoritative information for veterans, dependents and survivors about these important topics: Pensions Health Care Benefits Vocational Rehabilitation Education, Transition and Training Home Loan Guaranties

The U.S. population is aging. Social Security projections suggest that between 2013 and 2050, the population aged 65 and over will almost double, from 45 million to 86 million. One key driver of population aging is ongoing increases in life expectancy. Average U.S. life expectancy was 67 years for males and 73 years for females five decades ago; the averages are now 76 and 81, respectively. It has long been the case that better-educated, higher-income people enjoy longer life expectancies than less-educated, lower-income people. The causes include early life conditions, behavioral factors (such as nutrition, exercise, and smoking behaviors), stress, and access to health care services, all of which can vary across education and income. Our major entitlement programs - Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and Supplemental Security Income - have come to deliver disproportionately larger lifetime benefits to higher-income people because, on average, they are increasingly collecting those benefits over more years than others. This report studies the impact the growing gap in life expectancy has on the present value of lifetime benefits that people with higher or lower earnings will receive from major entitlement programs. The analysis presented in *The Growing Gap in Life Expectancy by Income* goes beyond an examination of the existing literature by providing the first comprehensive estimates of how lifetime benefits are affected by the changing distribution of life expectancy. The report also explores, from a lifetime benefit perspective, how the growing gap in longevity affects traditional policy analyses of reforms to the nation's leading entitlement programs. This in-depth analysis of the economic impacts of the longevity gap will inform debate and assist decision makers, economists, and researchers. "The Nation has lost sight of its public health goals and has allowed the system of public health to fall into 'disarray,'" from *The Future of Public Health*. This startling book contains proposals for ensuring that public health service programs are efficient and effective enough to deal not only with the topics of today, but also with those of tomorrow. In addition, the authors make recommendations for core functions in public health assessment, policy development, and service assurances, and identify the level of government—federal, state, and local—at which these functions would best be handled. The regulation of potentially hazardous substances has become a controversial issue. This volume evaluates past efforts to develop and use risk assessment guidelines, reviews the experience of regulatory agencies with different administrative arrangements for risk assessment, and evaluates various proposals to modify procedures. The book's conclusions and recommendations can be applied across the entire field of environmental health. An "owner's manual" for every Canadian with a pension plan. Millions of Canadians are covered by pension plans in one form or another—whether that's CPP or a company plan, or personal RRSPs. But pensions are the benefit least understood by employees. They're confusing and complex, but understanding pensions is crucial to

every Canadian's financial security in retirement. Since its initial publication, *The Pension Puzzle* has become the definitive book on the subject. Now completely revised and updated, *The Pension Puzzle* remains a true owner's manual for anyone with a pension plan. *The Pension Puzzle* is not just for those about to retire. It's for every working Canadian who needs to make decisions about their pension plan and how it affects their financial future. Veterans of the United States armed forces may be eligible for a broad range of benefits and services provided by the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). If you're looking for information on these benefits and services, look no further than the newest edition of *Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors*. The VA operates the nation's largest health-care system, with more than 1,700 care sites available across the country. These sites include hospitals, community clinics, readjustment counseling centers, and more. In this book, those who have honorably served in the active military, naval, or air service will learn about the services offered at these sites, basic eligibility for health care, and more. Helpful topics described in depth throughout these pages for veterans, their dependents, and their survivors include: Vocational rehabilitation and employment VA pensions Home loan guaranty Burial and memorial benefits Transition assistance Dependents and survivors health care and benefits Military medals and records And more "Keep your government hands off my Medicare!" Such comments spotlight a central question animating Suzanne Mettler's provocative and timely book: why are many Americans unaware of government social benefits and so hostile to them in principle, even though they receive them? The Obama administration has been roundly criticized for its inability to convey how much it has accomplished for ordinary citizens. Mettler argues that this difficulty is not merely a failure of communication; rather it is endemic to the formidable presence of the "submerged state." In recent decades, federal policymakers have increasingly shunned the outright disbursing of benefits to individuals and families and favored instead less visible and more indirect incentives and subsidies, from tax breaks to payments for services to private companies. These submerged policies, Mettler shows, obscure the role of government and exaggerate that of the market. As a result, citizens are unaware not only of the benefits they receive, but of the massive advantages given to powerful interests, such as insurance companies and the financial industry. Neither do they realize that the policies of the submerged state shower their largest benefits on the most affluent Americans, exacerbating inequality. Mettler analyzes three Obama reforms—student aid, tax relief, and health care—to reveal the submerged state and its consequences, demonstrating how structurally difficult it is to enact policy reforms and even to obtain public recognition for achieving them. She concludes with recommendations for reform to help make hidden policies more visible and governance more comprehensible to all Americans. The sad truth is that many American citizens do not know how major social programs work—or even whether they benefit from them. Suzanne Mettler's important new book will bring government policies back to the surface and encourage citizens to reclaim their voice in the political process.

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