

MEMORANDUM

TO: Participating Agency Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: July 2000 Empire Plan Reports
DATE: August 4, 2000

We will soon mail the July 2000 *Empire Plan Reports* for Participating Agencies.

The *Empire Plan Report* includes:

Empire Plan Benefit Changes

Hospital Outpatient Pre-Admission Testing, Diabetic and Ostomy Supplies, Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Program

Empire Plan News and Reminders

Participating Provider Networks, Blue Cross Address, Medicare

NYSHIP Changes

Graduating Dependent Students, Military Leave



Distribution of Reports

The *Reports* will mail to enrollee homes in August. We will send you a supply of the *Reports* equal to 20 percent of your enrollment.

Empire Plan At A Glance 2000

The *Empire Plan At A Glance* benefit guide is included as an insert in the July 2000 *Empire Plan Reports*. This guide will also be available as a stand-alone version. We will send you the stand-alone version (5% of enrollment) and you may order additional copies by using the Publications Supply Request form enclosed with this memo.

Reporting On . . . Your Health Insurance Benefits in Retirement

This *Reporting On . . .* announces new legislation that provides a permanent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for certain current and future public employee retirees. This publication is presented as a “wrap” around the *Report*. It is not available as a stand-alone document.

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