

TO: Participating Agency Chief Executive Officers  
and Health Benefits Administrators  
FROM: The Employee Benefits Division  
SUBJECT: NYSHIP Regional Meetings for Participating Agencies  
DATE: October 18, 2000

We are pleased to announce the 2000 New York State Health Insurance Program Regional Meetings for Participating Agencies. This year, the agenda will include discussion of the 2000 Empire Plan experience, the projected rate schedule for 2001, an update of Plan benefits by the Empire Plan carriers, several important administrative and regulatory issues and a review of NYBEAS which should be of interest to both Chief Executive Officers and Health Benefits Administrators.

You are invited to attend one of the following meetings:

**Wednesday, November 8, 2000 --- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Bear Mountain Inn & Conference Center (Rockland County)  
Bear Mountain, New York

**Thursday, November 9, 2000 --- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Sheraton Long Island Hotel (Suffolk County)  
110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway  
Smithtown, New York

**Tuesday, November 14, 2000 --- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Gideon Putnam Hotel (Saratoga County)  
Saratoga Springs, New York

We hope you will be able to attend one of these meetings. Please return the enclosed reservation form by November 1, 2000, so that we may finalize luncheon arrangements and plan for adequate materials. If you have any questions, or if you are unable to attend but would like copies of the materials distributed, please call the Employee Benefits Division at (518) 485-1771.

**DIRECTIONS TO MEETING SITES ARE ON REVERSE SIDE**

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**Bear Mountain Inn & Conference Center (Rockland County)**

(Phone No. (845) 786-2731)

**From Tappan Zee Bridge:** Over bridge to Exit 13(N) (Palisades Parkway). Approximately, 1.5 miles past Exit 19 is a traffic circle, take the first right off the circle (9W South) to traffic light, make a right. The Inn is 200 feet on the right.

**From Albany:** Take the New York State Thruway South to Exit 16, this is the Harriman Exit (Route 6 East), follow Route 6 East to the Palisades Parkway North, follow the Palisades for 2 miles to a traffic circle, take first right off the circle (9W South) to traffic light, make a right. The Inn is 200 feet on the right.

**Sheraton Long Island Hotel (Suffolk County)**

(Phone No. (631) 231-1100)

**From the West:** Take Long Island Expressway to Exit 53. Take a left onto Wicks Road. Take a right onto Motor Parkway. Hotel is about 100 yards ahead on left.

**From the East:** Take Long Island Expressway to Exit 53. Take a right onto Motor Parkway. Hotel is about 50 yards ahead on left.

**Gideon Putnam Hotel (Saratoga County)**

(Phone No. (518) 584-3000)

**From the West:** Take I-90 East (Thruway). Exit to Amsterdam. Take a right to Route 67 to Ballston Spa. Take Route 50 North. Take a right into Park at second light after sign "Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 800 ft." Follow signs to hotel.

**From the North:** Take I-87 South (Northway). Exit 14, make a right onto Union Avenue. Take a left at the end of Union Avenue. Bear right at first stop sign. Take a left at first stoplight. Take a right into Park at second light. Bear left after 8/10 mile, hotel ahead on right.

**From the South:** Take I-90 North (Thruway). Exit 24 to I-87 (Northway). Exit 13N (Route 9). Turn left into Park at fourth light. Bear left 8/10 mile, hotel ahead on right.

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**PARTICIPATING AGENCY REGIONAL MEETINGS  
RESERVATION FORM**

*Agency Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *Agency*  
*Code* \_\_\_\_\_

*Agency Address* \_\_\_\_\_ *Work Phone*  
*#(\_\_\_\_)* \_\_\_\_\_

***PARTICIPANT'S NAME(S) CIRCLE THE INSTITUTE YOU WILL ATTEND:***

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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(Rockland County)  
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**ALL RESERVATION FORMS SHOULD BE MAILED OR FAXED TO THIS OFFICE  
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> :**

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