

MEMORANDUM

TO: Participating Agency Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: December 2000 Empire Plan Reports
DATE: November 29, 2000

We will soon begin mailing the December 2000 *Empire Plan Reports* for Participating Agencies.

The *Reports* vary by option. For some, the *Empire Plan Report* includes:

Empire Plan Benefit Changes

Health Exams, Hearing Aids, Transplants Program

Empire Plan News and Reminders

Participating Provider Program, Pediatric Immunizations, Basic Medical Annual Deductible and Coinsurance Maximum, Claims Deadlines, Medicare

Amendments

NYSHIP General Information Book changes and *Empire Plan Certificate* amendments for benefits effective 2000 through 2001.

Correction Stickers

Please note the following corrections to the July 1, 2000 *NYSHIP General Information Book and Empire Plan Certificate for Active Employees, Retirees, Vestees and Dependent Survivors and their Dependents enrolled through PARTICIPATING AGENCIES with CORE Plus Medical and Psychiatric Enhancements*:

On page 139, in the summary of copayments for services by Empire Plan Participating Providers, Radiology, Single or Series; Diagnostic Laboratory Test...**\$10**. (This is correctly stated in bold type on page 71 in the UHC Certificate.)

On page 140, in the list of Important Telephone Numbers, the Medicare telephone number is 1-800-MEDICARE (633-~~4~~227).

Stickers for enrollees to use to correct their July 1, 2000 books will be inserted in the *Report* for PA Core Plus Medical and Psychiatric Enhancements. We will send you an extra supply of the correction stickers for you to place in books you hand out to new hires. Thank you for your help.

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Distribution of Reports

The *Reports* will mail to enrollee homes in December. We will send you a supply equal to 15 percent of your enrollment as we mail each version.



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