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MEMORANDUM

TO: Participating Agency Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: December 2001 Empire Plan Reports
DATE: December 19, 2001

We will soon begin mailing the December 2001 *Empire Plan Reports* for Participating Agencies with Core Only benefits, for Participating Agencies with Core plus Medical Enhancement and for Participating Agencies with Core plus Medical and Psychiatric Enhancements.

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Empire Plan Changes

Hearing Aids, Benefits Management Program

Empire Plan News

Complementary and Alternative Medicine Program, Basic Medical Program Deductible and Coinsurance, Participating Provider Network in South Carolina

Reminders

Claims Deadlines, Medicare, Hospital Outpatient Tests

Empire Plan Certificate Amendments

Benefits Management Program, Physical Therapy, Hearing Aids, Veterans' Facility

The Empire Plan At A Glance

The *Empire Plan At A Glance* is included as an insert in the *Empire Plan Report*. This guide briefly describes Empire Plan benefits for 2002. Please see memo PA01-25 for *Empire Plan At A Glance* details.

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