

MEMORANDUM

TO: Participating Agency Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: Medicare flyer for new retirees
DATE: October 21, 2002

Medicare flyer for new Retirees is at the printer

We are happy to announce that the October 2002 flyer, *What Participating Agency Retirees Need to Know about Medicare and NYSHIP*, is at the printer and will be shipped to agencies soon.

This flyer reinforces the NYSHIP requirement that retirees and their dependents must have Medicare Part A and Part B in effect by the first day of the month in which they reach age 65 (or younger if disabled) or they will drastically reduce their health insurance coverage. It reminds employees who are already over 65 at retirement, or have a dependent already 65 at the time the employee retires, that Medicare becomes primary to the Empire Plan beginning the first day of the month after employer group coverage ends.

Distribution

We will send you a supply equal to 5% of your NYSHIP enrollment or a minimum of five copies. Please give a copy to each employee starting retirement and any retirees who contact you for advice on enrolling in Medicare.

Reordering

To reorder this flyer, please use the Publication Supply Request Form attached to this memo. Or instead of faxing the form you may order on ebd_online. From the homepage, open Publications & Forms, then open NYSHIP Publication Order forms. Select Participating Agencies, then "Order Online" and follow instructions. If you need help accessing ebd_online, please call the Help Desk or your processor. **Please wait until you receive your copies of the new flyer [Medicare for PA Retirees/10-02] before you place an order.**

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