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TO: Participating Agency Chief Executive Officers
and Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Robert W. DuBois, Director - Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: NYSHIP Regional Meetings for Participating Agencies
DATE: October 4, 2002

We are pleased to announce the 2002 New York State Health Insurance Program Regional Meetings for Participating Agencies. The agenda will include discussion of the 2002 Empire Plan experience, the projected rate schedule for 2003, an update of Plan benefits, several important administrative and regulatory issues, including HIPAA and a review/update of NYBEAS.

You are invited to attend one of the following meetings:

Tuesday, October 29, 2002 --- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn – Saratoga Springs (Saratoga County)
232 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, New York

Wednesday, November 13, 2002 --- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center (Rockland County)
3 Executive Boulevard
Suffern, New York

Thursday, November 14, 2002 --- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

We hope you will be able to attend one of these meetings. Please return the enclosed reservation form by Friday, October 18, 2002, for the Saratoga meeting and by Friday, November 1, 2002, for the Rockland and Suffolk County meetings, so that we may finalize luncheon arrangements and plan for adequate materials. If you have any questions, please call the Employee Benefits Division at (518) 485-1771.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING SITES ARE ON REVERSE SIDE

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Holiday Inn – Saratoga Springs (Saratoga County)

(Phone No. (518) 584-4550)

From the South: Follow the NYS Thruway I-87 North, exit at #24. Take the Adirondack Northway (I-87) North to Exit 13 N. This will be Route 9. Follow for 3-4 miles, the Holiday Inn is on the right side in the center of town.

From the East: Follow I-90 West to where it intersects with the Adirondack Northway (I-87 North) in the Albany area. Take the Adirondack Northway North to Exit 13N. Follow Route 9 for 3 miles. The Holiday Inn will be on the right side in the center of town.

From the West: Follow NYS Thruway (I-90) to Exit 27. Take Route 30 North to Route 67 East to Ballston Spa. Take Route 50 North to Saratoga Springs. Holiday Inn is on the corner of Route 50 and Route 9.

From the North: Take the Adirondack Northway South to Exit 14. Turn right at the exit and follow Union Avenue to the end. Turn left on to Circular Street. The rear entrance of the Holiday Inn is the first right from Circular Street.

Holiday Inn & Conference Center (Rockland County)

(Phone No. (845) 357-4800)

From Tappan Zee Bridge: New York State Thruway (I-87/287) North to Exit 14B. Exit right and turn left at the first light onto Executive Boulevard.

From Albany: New York State Thruway South (I-87/287) to Exit 14B. Turn left. At second light turn left onto Executive Boulevard.

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.

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**PARTICIPATING AGENCY REGIONAL MEETINGS
RESERVATION FORM**

Agency Name _____ *Agency Code* _____

Agency Address _____ *Work Phone #*(____) _____

PARTICIPANT'S NAME(S):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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**ALL RESERVATION FORMS SHOULD BE MAILED OR FAXED TO THIS OFFICE
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th FOR THE SARATOGA MEETING AND
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st FOR THE ROCKLAND AND SUFFOLK MEETINGS:**

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