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### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Employers;  
Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Agencies;  
**FROM:** Employee Benefits Division  
**SUBJECT:** Empire Plan Special Rx Report  
**DATE:** November 7, 2005

#### **Empire Plan Special Report on The Prescription Drug Program for 2006**

A special report has been prepared to introduce the new Empire Plan Prescription Drug vendor – Empire BlueCross BlueShield/Caremark – and to send the 2006 Empire Plan Preferred Drug List (PDL) to enrollees and agencies.

#### **Prescription Drug Program Changes**

This publication explains the similarities and changes to The Empire Plan Prescription Drug Program effective January 1, 2006.

*Articles in The Empire Plan Special Report on The Prescription Drug Program include:*

The Empire Plan Prescription Drug Program - January 1, 2006; What's New, What's the Same; No New Benefit Card; January Reminders; How to Use the Prescription Drug Program; Controlling Your Prescription Drug Costs; Questions and Answers; When You Call; Your First Visit to a Participating Pharmacy after January 1, 2006; and New Addresses You Need to Know.

#### **2006 Empire Plan Preferred Drug List**

An updated list of the most commonly prescribed generic and brand-name drugs; not the complete list.

#### **Distribution of Reports**

The Special Report will be mailed to enrollee homes in November. We will send you a supply equal to 2 percent of your enrollment. Please give to new hires and new retirees.

You will also be receiving a supply of the stand-alone preferred drug list from Empire BlueCross BlueShield/Caremark.

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