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MEMORANDUM

TO: Participating Agency Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: January 2006 Empire Plan Reports and Empire Plan At A Glance
DATE: March 1, 2006

We will mail the January 2006 *Empire Plan Reports* (including *The Empire Plan At A Glance* dated January 1, 2006) for employees of Participating Agencies with Core Empire Plan Benefits and for employees of Participating Agencies with Core Plus Enhancements in early March.

The Reports vary by group.

The *Empire Plan Report* includes:

Empire Plan Benefit News

Annual Deductible and Coinsurance Maximum, Hearing Aids

Reminders

Language Line Services, Claims Deadlines, Medicare, Participating Provider Directory

The Empire Plan At A Glance 2006

A summary description of Empire Plan benefits for 2006

Reporting On Centers of Excellence (PA Plus Only)

A description of the benefits of Centers of Excellence for cancer, transplants and infertility

Empire Plan Copayment Cards (PA Plus Only)

An easy reference of Empire Plan programs and copayments

Note: PA CORE received *Reporting On Centers of Excellence* and Empire Plan Copayment Cards with their September 2005 Amendments.

Distribution of Reports

These publications will be mailed to enrollee homes in early March. We will send you a supply equal to 3 percent of your enrollment.

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