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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators
Participating Employer Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: July 2008 *Empire Plan Reports and NYSHIP General Information Book/Empire Plan Certificate Amendments*
DATE: June 16, 2008

We will soon mail the July 2008 *Empire Plan Reports and NYSHIP General Information Book/Empire Plan Certificate Amendments* to the following groups: CSEA, DC-37, MC, PE, PEF, Retiree, UCS and UUP.

The *Empire Plan Report* includes:

Empire Plan Benefits

Medical/Surgical Benefits Program: \$30 Copayment for Non-Hospital Outpatient Surgical Locations, Herpes Zoster Vaccine for Shingles, Prosthetic Wig Benefit, Participating Diabetes Education Centers and Diabetic Shoes, Empire Plan Prescription Drug Program: Non-Preferred Copayment Increases, Centers of Excellence for Transplants and Cancer, Kidney Resource Services Program, Benefit Management Program: Prospective Procedure Review

New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) Changes

Leaving School Before Graduation and Workers' Compensation (except PE, Retiree and UUP)

NYSHIP General Information Book Changes

Leaving School Before Graduation, When Your Family Coverage Begins and Workers' Compensation

Empire Plan Certificate Amendments

Benefits Management Program: Benefits Management, Prospective Procedure Review and Benefits Management Program; Hospital Benefits Program: Outpatient MRI, MRA, CT, CAT, PET, and Nuclear Medicine tests, Skilled Nursing Facility Care and Transplant Programs; Medical/Surgical Benefits Program: Outpatient MRI, MRA, CT, CAT, PET, and Nuclear Medicine tests, Adult Immunizations, Outpatient Surgical Locations, Diabetes Education Centers, Prosthetic Wigs, Diabetes Education Centers, Prospective Procedure Review, Diabetic Shoes and Cancer Program; Prescription Drug Benefits Program: Copayments

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