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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators
Participating Employer Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: November 2008 *NYSHIP HMO Reports and NYSHIP General Information Book Amendments*
DATE: November 21, 2008

We will soon mail the November 2008 *NYSHIP HMO Reports and NYSHIP General Information Book Amendments* to all New York State and Participating Employer enrollees with HMO coverage except employees represented by C-82, NYSCOPBA and PIA. Please note that the HMO Reports for PBA-S and PBA-T are dated January 2009 due to their recent settlement.

The *NYSHIP HMO Report* includes:

New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) Changes

Leaving School Before Graduation, Workers' Compensation Assault Benefit (except PE, Retiree, UCS and UUP), Dependent Eligibility Verification Project and IRMAA Reimbursement

NYSHIP Reminders

Pre-Retirement Seminars and Annual Notice of Mastectomy

NYSHIP General Information Book Changes

Waiting Period (M/C only), Leaving School Before Graduation, When Your Family Coverage Begins, Health Care Spending Account, Workers' Compensation (except PE, Retiree, UCS and UUP) and Medicare Reimbursement

Distribution of Reports

These publications will be mailed to enrollee homes in late November 2008. We will send you a supply of each publication equal to 2 percent of your affected enrollment. These publications will be included in the new hire and new retiree packages that are available to order on HBA Online only.

Publications available on our web site: www.cs.state.ny.us

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