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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Agency Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: 2009 *Empire Plan At A Glance* with Copayment Cards and 2009 Drug List
DATE: November 26, 2008

We are pleased to announce the 2009 *Empire Plan At A Glance* for Council 82, Courts, CSEA, DC-37, M/C; Legislature, NYSCOPBA, PBA Supervisors and Troopers, PEF, UUP and Retirees are at the printer and will soon be mailed to enrollees. The *At A Glance* for PIA will follow later in December. The *At A Glance* is a useful guide to Plan benefits for new employees, conferences and health fairs. Encourage employees to use this guide together with their *Empire Plan Certificate*.

The 2009 *At A Glance* publications will be mailed with new copayment cards for those groups that will have copayment changes (A & B) for 2009. Please see the chart of current copayment cards below that we have added for your reference. The 2009 Empire Plan Preferred Drug List will be included with the *At A Glance* mailings to homes for employees in the following groups: Council 82, CSEA, Courts and NYSCOPBA. All other groups will receive the 2009 Flexible Formulary Drug List with their *At A Glance*.

Current Copayment Cards

Copay Card	Fulfillment Number	Groups Covered
A-07*	AL0707	C-82 (contract affected) and NYSCOPBA
C-07*	AL0708	C-82
A-09	AL0864	DC-37, M/C, PBA-S, PBA-T, PEF, PIA, Retiree and UUP
B-09	AL0865	CSEA and UCS

***Note:** These cards will not be included in the *At A Glance* mailing but are the correct versions to provide to enrollees who may request them. They are available for ordering on HBA Online or using the group's Publication Supply Order Form.

Distribution

These publications will be mailed to enrollee homes in early December. We will send you, in separate shipments, a supply of each publication equal to 2 percent of your Empire Plan enrollment for new hires or for those enrollees changing their option to The Empire Plan. A dropshipment of the *At A Glance* enclosures will be delivered to agencies in early December. These publications will also be included in group-specific new hire and new retiree Empire Plan packages, which are only available to order on HBA Online.

Ordering Publications

You may order additional standalone copies of the 2009 *Empire Plan At A Glance*, Copayment Cards (A & B), the 2009 Empire Plan Flexible Formulary Drug List and the 2009 Preferred Drug List by using the Publications Supply Order Forms enclosed with your shipments. Or, instead of faxing the form, you may order on HBA Online at www.cs.state.ny.us/ebdonline. Open Publications & Forms, then open NYSHIP Publication Order Forms and choose the appropriate group. If you need help accessing HBA Online, please call the Help Desk or your processor.

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