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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Agencies
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: Annual Notice: Creditable Coverage
DATE: October 31, 2008

Creditable Coverage Letter to all NYSHIP enrollees

In late October, the Employee Benefits Division mailed a Creditable Coverage letter to all Participating Agency enrollees. This letter (attached) fulfills the annual creditable coverage notice requirement for 2008.

While it may not pertain to an enrollee at this time, if the enrollee or a dependent should become eligible for Medicare Part D, they will have the proof of coverage information they need.

We are directing enrollees to call Social Security, Medicare and The Empire Plan toll free number with their questions.

The 2008 Creditable Coverage Notice is available on NYSHIP Online in the "What's New" section and HBA Online in the "You Should Know" section.

If you have questions about NYSHIP benefits, please call your Employee Benefits Division (EBD) processor. If you have questions about this distribution, please call EBD Communications at 1-518-457-7577.

Attachment: PA Notice of Creditable Coverage - 10/08