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MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Benefits Administrators of New York State Agencies;
Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Employers
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: *Medicare & NYSHIP* for NY/PE Retirees, January 2009
DATE: February 25, 2009

Updated Publications

We are happy to announce that a new version of *Medicare & NYSHIP* for NY and PE Retirees is at the printer and will be shipped to agencies shortly.

Medicare & NYSHIP for NY and PE Retirees replaces the May 2006 version. Please remove copies of the old publication from your shelves and recycle them when you receive your shipment. The January 2009 version includes information about Medicare Advantage plans, Part B reimbursement and Medicare and NYSHIP claims coordination.

Distribution

This publication can be a part of your new retiree packages. (It is also appropriate for Domestic Partners of active employees turning 65.) If you place an order online for the New Retiree Quick Order package, there will be a form inside for the retiree to order the book. When the retiree reaches 64, a letter will be sent from the Department to remind them that they must enroll in Medicare three months before their 65th birthday. The *Medicare & NYSHIP* DVD, AL0796, is a good companion piece to give along with the book.

We will send you a supply equal to 2 percent of your enrollment to distribute to your Empire Plan enrollees.

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