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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Agencies  
**FROM:** Employee Benefits Division  
**SUBJECT:** *Medicare & NYSHIP* for PA Retirees, November 2009  
**DATE:** November 17, 2009

#### Updated Publications

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

*Medicare & NYSHIP* for PA Retirees replaces the June 2006 version. Please remove copies of the old publication from your shelves and recycle them when you receive your shipment. The November 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, the book is included. Five months prior to an enrollee's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, a letter will be sent from the Department to remind them that they must enroll in Medicare before their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. The *Medicare & NYSHIP* DVD or VHS is also 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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