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Dear Enrollee:

Effective January 1, 2010, vision plan benefit changes applied to the New York State Vision Plan for enrollees represented by the New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) (arbitration eligible), and their eligible enrolled dependents and to COBRA enrollees and their families with NYSCOPBA (arbitration eligible) represented employees' vision care benefits.

Laser Vision Correction Network:

Active employees and employees enrolled under COBRA became covered for a funded laser vision correction benefit once every five years, at a member copayment of 10% of the discounted price for laser vision correction procedures, up to a maximum of \$200. Covered dependents will continue to be eligible for the employee-pay-all laser vision "discount program."

In an effort to communicate all of the plan changes, this letter along with an enclosed copy of the revised NYSCOPBA (arbitration eligible) Vision booklet have been mailed to you. This information is also available online at <u>www.cs.state.ny.us</u>. Choose Benefit Programs, then NYSHIP Online and choose your group if prompted. Select Other Benefits, then Vision to locate the link to EyeMed.

For additional information, you may also contact the EyeMed Customer Care Center at 877-226-1412 Monday through Saturday from 8:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. ET and Sunday from 11:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. ET.