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TO: New York State Agency Health Benefits Administrators

Participating Employer Health Benefits Administrators

FROM: Employee Benefits Division

SUBJECT: Updated NYS Vision Plan Booklets for certain Employees Represented by

NYSCOPBA (arbitration eligible) and related enrollees.

DATE: September 23, 2010

Effective January 1, 2010, the New York State Vision Plan for enrollees represented by the New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) (arbitration eligible) as well as COBRA enrollees with NYSCOPBA (arbitration eligible) vision care benefits included the following benefit:

Laser Vision Correction Network:

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

The attached letter along with an updated NYS Vision Plan booklet will be sent to enrollees to explain their benefit changes. In addition, EyeMed Vision Care will soon be sending you a small supply of the updated NYS Vision Plan booklets for NYSCOPBA (arbitration eligible) enrollees. Enclosed with the booklets will be a cover letter and a NYS Vision Plan Publications Supply Request Form with instructions for requesting additional booklets from EyeMed Vision Care. The Supply Request Form can also be found on HBA Online at www.cs.state.ny.us:

- Choose Benefits Programs
- Choose HBA Online
- Enter your User ID and Password
- Choose Publications & Forms
- Choose New York State Vision Plan Benefit Booklet Order Form

If you have any questions, please contact your EBD Processor.

Attachment