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To: Participating Agency Chief Executive Officers

& Health Benefits Administrators

From: Robert W. DuBois, Director of the Employee Benefits Division

Subject: NYSHIP Regional Meetings for 2010

Date: August 18, 2010

We are pleased to announce the 2010 NYSHIP Regional Meetings for Participating Agencies. Staff of the Employee Benefits Division will present information about benefit and policy issues including the recent Federal Health Care Reform Legislation and its impact on NYSHIP, as well as an update on current projects, including the Dependent Eligibility Verification Project and the Participating Agency Self-Audit. The agenda will also include 2010 Empire Plan financial experience and the latest information on projected rates for 2011.

You are invited to attend one of the following sessions:

• <u>Tuesday, September 28, 2010 -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</u> Holiday Inn – Saratoga Springs (Saratoga County) 232 Broadway

Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

• Wednesday, October 6. 2010 -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn – Suffern (Rockland County) 3 Executive Boulevard Suffern, New York 10901

• Thursday, October 7, 2010 -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Long Island (Suffolk County) 1717 Motor Parkway Hauppauge, New York 11788

(**Note:** Registration will begin promptly at **9:30 a.m.** for each session above. Directions to each meeting site will be provided with confirmation of your submitted *Online* registration.)

Online Registration

You may register *Online* beginning August 25th; see instructions below.

All reservations must be received by September 15th in order to finalize luncheon arrangements and plan for adequate meeting materials. It is **very important** that you include an accurate e-mail address. Confirmation of your registration, including directions to the meeting site, will be sent via e-mail.

o Agencies (HBAs) With Access to HBA Online

You may submit reservations for yourself and/or on behalf of other agency representatives on the Department's website at *https://www.cs.state.ny.us*.

- 1. On the homepage, click on "*Benefit Programs*" on the navigation bar on the left of the screen.
- 2. Select "*HBA Online*" on the resulting page.
- 3. Sign on with your HBA Online User ID and password.
- 4. Click on the red button, "Register Online Here for Fall 2010 Regional PA Meetings." This will bring you to NYSHIP Regional Meetings for Participating Agencies. You will find all of the information needed to register for the meeting of your choice, directions and map links to meeting sites. After you have submitted your online registration, you may print a copy of the registration confirmation form for your records.

o Agencies and Organizations Without Access to HBA Online

You may register at: www.cs.state.ny.us/ebd/welcome/pa-regional-meeting.cfm.

Important:

If you are an HBA or otherwise have responsibility for benefit administration, we recommend you obtain an HBA Online User ID. HBA Online provides you with easy access to NYSHIP information and features to assist you with your administrative duties.

To obtain an HBA Online User ID:

Act Now! Please complete the *Information Resource Management (IRM-302)* form, and fax it to the NYS Department of Civil Service IRM Help Desk at (518) 485-5588 to request access. You will receive a User ID and a temporary password in the mail in approximately 10 business days. Please note that the form requires the signature of your Agency Data Access Officer. If you are not sure who that is, the Department of Civil Service Help Desk will be happy to provide you with that information.

If you need a copy of the IRM-302 form or have any questions, please contact (518) 485-1771.



INFORMATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PARTICIPATING AGENCY REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO NEW YORK BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (NYREAS) IRM-302 (2/06)

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