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MEMORANDUM

 TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators; Participating Employer Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: January 2011 *HMO Reports* and *NYSHIP General Information Book* Amendments
DATE: August 1, 2011

We will soon mail the January 2011 *HMO Reports* and *NYSHIP General Information Book* Amendments to the following groups: Council 82, CSEA, DC-37, M/C; Legislature, NY Retiree, NYSCOPBA, PBA-S, PBA-T, PE Active, PE Retiree, PEF, PIA, UCS and UUP.

The HMO Report includes:

NYSHIP Articles: Covering Your Young Adult Children; Reminders: Medicare Part B Premium Reimbursement (NY Retiree and PE Retiree only); New Web Site Address; Pre-Retirement Seminars (except PE, UCS and Retiree), Annual Notice of Mastectomy and Reconstructive Surgery Benefits, Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) Notice.

NYSHIP General Information Book Changes

Your Spouse; Domestic Partner; Your child under age 26; Disabled dependents; Coverage ends; Changes Permitted (except PE and Retiree); Dependent survivors; Medicare.

Distribution of Reports

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