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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** New York State Health Benefits Administrators  
**FROM:** Employee Benefits Division  
**SUBJECT:** January 2011 *Empire Plan Reports and NYSHIP General Information Book/Empire Plan Certificate Amendments*  
**DATE:** August 5, 2011

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

**The *Empire Plan Report* includes:**

- **Empire Plan Benefits**

Federal Health Care Changes; Covering Your Young Adult Children; Other 2011 Empire Plan Amendments to Note; Herpes Zoster (Shingles) Vaccine; Medicare Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthetics and Orthotics Supply (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program; Reminders: Empire Plan Toll-free Script Changes; MHSA Web Site Improved; New Travel Resource Available; 2011 Participating Provider Directory Postcards; Retiring and Relocating? (except Retiree); Relocating Outside New York State (Retiree only); Pre-Retirement Seminars (except Retiree); NYSHIP Retiree Health Benefits Meetings 2011 (Retiree only); Annual Notice of Mastectomy and Reconstructive Surgery Benefits and New Web Site Address.

**The *NYSHIP General Information Book and Empire Plan Certificate Amendments* include:**

- **NYSHIP General Information**

Your Spouse; Your Child Under Age 26; Disabled Dependents; Coverage ends, Dependent Survivors; Medicare

- **Benefits Management Program**

- **Empire Plan Certificate Amendments**

*Empire BlueCross BlueShield*: Transplants; Infertility Benefits; Travel Allowance; Medicare; *UnitedHealthcare Medical/Surgical Program*: Meaning of Terms Used; Meningitis Immunization; Annual Deductible; Basic Medical Program; Benefits Management; HCAP; Managed Physical Network; Infertility Benefits; Cancer Program; Travel Allowance; Coordination of Benefits; Medicare: *Empire Plan Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program*: Schedule of Benefits; Coordination of Benefits; Medicare; *Empire Plan Prescription Drug Program*: Meaning of Terms Used; Prior Authorization, Exclusions and Limitations (except CSEA and Unified Court System)

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