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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** New York State Agency Health Benefits Administrators  
**FROM:** Employee Benefits Division  
**SUBJECT:** Creditable Coverage Letter and CHIP Notice  
**DATE:** October 14, 2011

### **Creditable Coverage Letter to all NYSHIP enrollees**

In mid October, the Employee Benefits Division (EBD) began mailing a Creditable Coverage Letter to all NYSHIP enrollees. This letter (attached) fulfills the annual creditable coverage notice requirement for 2011.

**While it may not pertain to an enrollee at this time, if the enrollee or a dependent should become eligible for Medicare Part D, they will have the proof of coverage information they need.** We are directing enrollees to call Social Security, Medicare and The Empire Plan toll free number with their questions, and referring HMO enrollees to their HMOs.

### **The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

The CHIP Notice, also a required annual notice, is enclosed with the Creditable Coverage Letter to save postage. It explains the Medicaid and CHIP offer of free or low cost health coverage for children and families to anyone who might need this assistance. A copy is attached.

### **New This Year**

The 2011 Student Employee Health Plan (SEHP) enrollees will receive both the Creditable Coverage letter and the CHIP notice.

### **Where to find Notices Online**

The 2011 Creditable Coverage Letter and the 2011 CHIP Notice (both attached to this memo) are available on NYSHIP Online in the "What's New" section, HBA Online in the "You Should Know" section and in the Notices section on NYS Online and HBA Online.

If you have questions about NYSHIP benefits, please call your processor at the EBD HBA Help Line at 518-474-2780. If you have questions about this distribution, please call EBD Communications at 518-457-7577.

Attachment: NY/PE Notice of Creditable Coverage - 10/2011  
CHIP Notice - 10/2011