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TO:New York State Health Benefits AdministratorsFROM:Employee Benefits DivisionSUBJECT:New Planning for Retirement, December 2011DATE:December 23, 2011

We are pleased to announce that the December 2011 *Planning for Retirement* is at the printer and will be shipped to agencies soon. This popular publication provides important health insurance information for New York State employees who are planning to retire from State service and includes the new actuarial table for employees in settled groups. As of the date of this memo, the groups that have the new table and the effective date of the change are as follows:

Group	Effective Date
CSEA	October 1, 2011
M/C; Legislature	October 1, 2011
UCS	
Judges, Justices, UCS Employees represented	
by CSEA and Unrepresented UCS Employees	November 1, 2011
UCS Employees represented by	
unions other than CSEA	December 1, 2011
PEF	December 1, 2011

Note: Additional groups that settle and ratify their contracts may be added to this list in the future. EBD will notify agencies of additional changes as necessary. Unsettled groups continue to use the old actuarial table, which can be found on HBA Online.

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Remember, the companion *Planning for Retirement* video is available to order on HBA Online. Click on Publications & Forms and select Employees of New York State Agencies. Scroll down to Planning for Retirement Special Order Form, click on Display the form and then click on Print or View Form.

Distribution

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