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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators; Participating Employer Health Benefits Administrators; Participating Agency Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: *New Reporting On Asthma*
DATE: November 9, 2012

We are happy to announce that the October 2012 *Reporting On Asthma* is at the printer and will be shipped to agencies soon. This newly revised publication replaces the April 2010 version. Please recycle any copies of the old version you may have on your shelves.

This publication discusses the causes and symptoms of asthma, how to avoid asthma triggers, The Empire Plan's Asthma Management Program, types of asthma drugs and smoking cessation benefits.

Distribution

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