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MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Agencies
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: *Medicare & NYSHIP* for PA Retirees, January 2012
DATE: February 15, 2012

Updated Publications

We are happy to announce that a new version of *Medicare & NYSHIP* for PA Retirees is at the printer and will be shipped to agencies shortly.

Medicare & NYSHIP for PA Retirees replaces the November 2009 version. Please remove copies of the old publication from your shelves and recycle them when you receive your shipment. The January 2012 version includes information about Medicare enrollment, Part B reimbursement and Medicare and NYSHIP claims coordination.

Distribution

This publication is mailed to retirees as part of our 65th birthday mailing that reminds them about enrolling in Medicare when they turn 65. It can be a part of your new retiree packages. (It is also appropriate for Domestic Partners and same sex spouses of active employees turning 65.) If you place an order online for the New Retiree Quick Order package, the book is included and will be mailed to the enrollee's home. The *Medicare & NYSHIP* DVD or VHS is also a good companion piece to give along with the book.

We will send you a supply of two copies to distribute to your Empire Plan enrollees.

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