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MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Benefits Administrators of New York State Agencies;
Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Employers
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: *Medicare & NYSHIP* for NY/PE Retirees, January 2013
DATE: February 4, 2013

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

This publication includes information about Medicare enrollment, Part B reimbursement, Medicare and NYSHIP claims coordination and Empire Plan Medicare Rx, a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan with expanded coverage designed especially for NYSHIP.

The January 2013 version replaces the January 2012 version. Please recycle any copies you may have of the January 2012 version.

Distribution

This publication is mailed to retirees as part of our 65th birthday mailing that reminds them to enroll in Medicare when they turn 65. It can be a part of your new retiree packages. If you place an order online for the New Retiree Quick Order package, this booklet is included and will be mailed to the enrollee's home. The *Medicare & NYSHIP* DVD is also a good companion piece to give along with the booklet.

We will send you two copies of this booklet to distribute to your Empire Plan enrollees.

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