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**TO:** Participating Agency Health Benefits Administrators  
**FROM:** Employee Benefits Division  
**SUBJECT:** May 2013 *Empire Plan Report*  
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We are pleased to announce the May 2013 *Empire Plan Report*. You will notice a new format, organized into easy-to-understand categories such as Benefit Changes, What's New, Empire Plan Changes, NYSHIP Online and Reminders.

The *Report* explains changes to Empire Plan benefits resulting from federal health care reform, State mandates and provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the State and unions representing State employees that have been administratively extended to your group.

#### **Empire Plan Changes**

Enhanced Women's Health Care  
Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Summary of Benefits and Coverage  
Prescription Drug Program "New to You"  
Medicare Rx Prescription Drug Program  
Medco Name Change  
Combined Annual Coinsurance and  
Deductible

Medical/Surgical Program Self-Insured  
Convenience Care Clinics  
Licensed Nurse Practitioners  
Vaccine Update  
Changes to Your EOB

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