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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Agencies with The Empire Plan or The Excelsior Plan  
**FROM:** Employee Benefits Division  
**SUBJECT:** *Medicare & NYSHIP* for PA Retirees, April 2013  
**DATE:** April 24, 2013

We are pleased 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 January 2012 version. Please remove copies of the old publication from your shelves and recycle them when you receive your shipment. The April 2013 version 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. **Note:** The Excelsior Plan does not include a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.

**Distribution**

This publication is mailed to retirees as part of our 65<sup>th</sup> 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, the 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 book.

We will send you a supply of two copies of this booklet to distribute to your enrollees.

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