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TO: Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Agencies with The Excelsior Plan
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
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We are pleased to announce the July 2013 *Empire Plan Report*. The *Report* explains changes to Excelsior 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 this group.

Enhanced Women's Health Care
Autism Spectrum Disorder
Summary of Benefits and Coverage
Medco Name Change
Combined Annual Deductible and
Coinsurance Maximum

Convenience Care Clinics
Licensed Nurse Practitioners
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Vaccine Update
Changes to Your EOB

Distribution

We will mail the *Report* to enrollee homes in late July. The file for this mailing was pulled from NYBEAS on July 3, so any enrollee not on NYBEAS as of this date should be provided with a copy. We will send a supply equal to 1% of your agency enrollment to you for new employees or retirees. See below for specific ordering information.

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Ordering Publications

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