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MEMORANDUM

TO: NYSHIP Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: January 2014 Empire Plan Special Report
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We are pleased to announce the January 2014 *Empire Plan Special Report* is at the printer and will soon be mailed to enrollees. This publication explains the change to ValueOptions as The Empire Plan Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program administrator. It includes important information about the transition to ValueOptions, including details about the new provider network and transition benefits.

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