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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: NYSHIP Health Benefit Publications for Employees of the BCI Unit of the New York State Police represented by Police Investigators Association (PIA), effective January 1, 2017
DATE: October 17, 2016

We will soon mail the October 2016 *Empire Plan Special Report* and October 2016 *HMO Special Report*. The *Empire Plan Special Report* mailing includes updated copayment cards. These publications apply only to employees of the BCI Unit of the New York State Police represented by Police Investigators Association (PIA).

These publications describe changes affecting NYSHIP coverage effective January 1, 2017, as a result of the collective bargaining agreement between the State of New York and PIA. As these changes are effective January 1, 2017, health insurance option changes will be done during the regular Option Transfer Period, which will be announced when rates are approved. Please note that any enrollee considering an option change should be referred to 2017 *Choices* for active enrollees (AL1427).

The October 2016 *Empire Plan Special Report* (NY1178) includes:
Biweekly Premium Contribution Rate Changes; Updated Life Expectancy Table (**effective for retirements on or after December 1, 2016**); Opt-out Program; Federal Health Care Reform and Empire Plan Changes effective January 1, 2017.

The October 2016 *HMO Special Report* (NY1180) includes:
Biweekly Premium Contribution Rate Changes; Updated Life Expectancy Table (**effective for retirements on or after December 1, 2016**) and the Opt-out Program.

The *PIA Copayment Card* (AL1347) includes:
New Empire Plan copayments for this group as a result of negotiated changes effective January 1, 2017.

Distribution

These publications will begin to mail to enrollees' homes in late October. We will send you copies of each publication sufficient for your enrollment.

Mail files for these publications were pulled from NYBEAS on October 7, 2016. Any enrollee not on file as of that date will not receive these mailings. You may, however, order a Quick Order (QO) Package on HBA Online for a new hire, as it will include these publications. Otherwise, you should include a copy of each appropriate publication in the package of information you give to new hires.

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