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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: September 2017 *Empire Plan Reports*
DATE: September 27, 2017

The September 2017 *Empire Plan Reports* will soon be posted online and mailed to enrollee homes and agencies. These *Reports* explain changes to The Empire Plan and NYSHIP and have important reminders for enrollees, including information on substance use treatment coverage, pre-implantation genetic testing, mammogram coverage and *Empire Plan Participating Provider Directory* changes. Since there are no group-specific differences, there is a single version for all active NY groups, and a version for NY Retirees.

Distribution

These publications will begin to mail to enrollees' homes in late September. The mail file was pulled from NYBEAS on September 16, 2017. We will send you two copies of each publication.

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