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MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Employers (PEs) with NYSHIP
Dental and/or Vision Benefits
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: Dental and Vision Benefit Enhancements, effective June 1, 2019
DATE: June 24, 2019

The June 2019 *Dental and Vision Benefits* brochure for Participating Employers (PEs) is now available online and will soon be mailed to enrollee homes and agencies. This publication describes 2019 benefit changes that took effect June 1, as a result of the collective bargaining agreement that was administratively extended to PEs that offer NYSHIP dental and/or vision benefits. In addition to the changes described in the brochure, the waiting period for dental coverage is reduced from six months to 56 days for PE employees who are hired on or after June 1, 2019.

Distribution

This publication will begin to mail to enrollees' homes in late June. The mail file was pulled from NYBEAS on June 8, 2019, so any PE Dental/Vision enrollee who was not on the file on that date should be provided with a copy. We will send you two copies of the publication.

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