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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: *NYSHIP General Information Book for NY Active Employees*
(Empire Plan and HMO)
DATE: January 12, 2021

We are pleased to announce that an updated *NYSHIP General Information Book* (GIB) for active employees of New York State is at the printer and will soon be mailed to enrollee homes and NY agencies.

Revised Book

The *2021 General Information Book* for NY active employees contains information regarding NYSHIP eligibility rules, enrollment options, requirements and costs. This updated publication replaces the 2017 *General Information Book* and applies to all groups enrolled in The Empire Plan, NYSHIP HMOs or the Opt-out Program. Please recycle any old copies of this publication that you may have in your office.

Distribution

We will send you a supply of two copies for your reference and use. This publication will begin mailing to enrollee homes by January 21, 2021. Mail files were pulled from NYBEAS on January 11, 2021. Any enrollee not on the file as of that date will not receive this mailing. You may, however, order a Quick Order (QO) package on HBA Online for any new hire since it will include this publication. Otherwise, you should include a copy of the new *GIB* in the package of information you give to new hires.

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Ordering Publications

You may order additional copies of the *2021 General Information Book for NY Active Employees* (NY1371) on HBA Online under Publications & Forms. **Please wait until you receive your shipment of the new publication before you place an order.**

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