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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** New York State Health Benefits Administrators  
**FROM:** Employee Benefits Division  
**SUBJECT:** October 2021 *Empire Plan Special Report* for PEF  
**DATE:** October 29, 2021

The October 2021 *Empire Plan Special Report* for PEF is now available online and will soon be mailed to enrollee homes and agencies. This publication describes 2022 Empire Plan benefit changes as a result of a collective bargaining agreement between the Public Employees Federation (PEF) and the State of New York. The mailing also includes updated 2022 copayment cards.

Since these changes are effective January 1, 2022, health insurance option changes may be made during the regular Option Transfer Period, which will be announced when rates are approved. Refer to HBA memo NY 21-20 for additional information about the 2022 Option Transfer publications and watch for a future memo with processing instructions when rates are approved.

**The October 2021 *Empire Plan Special Report* for PEF includes:**

Copayment changes, 2022 formulary change and out-of-network deductible and coinsurance amounts.

**The copayment cards for PEF (NY1408) include:**

New Empire Plan copayments as a result of negotiated changes effective January 1, 2022.

**Distribution**

This *Report* will begin to mail to enrollees' homes in late October to early November. The mail file was pulled from NYBEAS on October 25, 2021, so any enrollee who was not on the file on that date should be provided with a copy. We will send you two copies each of the *Report* and the 2022 copayment cards for PEF.

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