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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: October 2022 *Empire Plan Special Report* for Council 82
DATE: October 31, 2022

The October 2022 *Empire Plan Special Report* for Council 82 (C-82) is now available online and will soon be mailed to enrollee homes and agencies. This publication explains 2023 Empire Plan benefit changes as a result of the collective bargaining agreement between C-82 and the State of New York. The enrollee mailing also includes updated 2023 copayment cards.

Since these changes are effective January 1, 2023, 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 22-18 for additional information about the 2023 Option Transfer publications and watch for a future memo with processing instructions when rates are approved.

The October 2022 *Empire Plan Special Report* for C-82 (NY1455) includes:
Copayment changes, 2023 Empire Plan Advanced Flexible Formulary change and out-of-network deductible and coinsurance amounts.

The copayment cards for C-82 (NY1454) include:
New Empire Plan copayments as a result of negotiated changes, effective January 1, 2023.

Distribution

The *Report* will begin to mail to enrollees' homes in late October. The mail files were pulled from NYBEAS on October 22, 2022, 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 copayment card.

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