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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Agencies with The Empire Plan
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: Revised *Empire Plan Certificate* for Participating Agencies
DATE: March 10, 2022

The updated *Empire Plan Certificate* for active employees and retirees enrolled through Participating Agencies with changes effective January 1, 2021 is now available on NYSHIP Online and will soon be mailed to enrollee homes and shipped to agencies. The enrollee mail file was pulled from NYBEAS on March 8, 2022. As a reminder, please order an Empire Plan Quick Order package on HBA Online for any new enrollee with a hire date after this date to ensure they receive a complete set of benefit information.

Amendments detailing changes to The Empire Plan since publication of the 2014 *Empire Plan Certificate* are also available on NYSHIP Online and HBA Online as a reference. The new *Certificate* replaces the 2014 publication and the online amendments have been incorporated into the print version as well as the online *Certificate*.

Distribution

For reference, we will send you two copies of the *Empire Plan Certificate*. **Note:** If you maintain NYSHIP materials in your office for groups in your agency, the materials on your shelves should mirror the group's updated fulfillment form. Please recycle any old materials that do not appear on the updated form.

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