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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health Benefits Administrators of Participating Employers and

Participating Agencies

**FROM:** Employee Benefits Division **SUBJECT:** January 2025 *At A Glance* 

**DATE:** December 19, 2024

We are pleased to announce the publication of the January 2025 *At A Glance*. The *At A Glance* is a summary guide to Empire Plan benefits. Encourage employees to use this guide together with their *Empire Plan Certificate*, *Certificate Amendments* and *Empire Plan Reports*.

The mailed version of the *At A Glance* will again include several additional publications. The 2025 Empire Plan Advanced Flexible Formulary Drug List includes the most commonly prescribed generic and brand-name drugs along with any excluded drugs with formulary alternatives. The 2025 Empire Plan Preventive Care Coverage Guide includes a summary of current federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) coverage requirements and information on preventive versus routine or diagnostic services. Inserts containing information on Out-of-Network Reimbursement Disclosures related to the Emergency Medical Services and Surprise Bills law and a required Nondiscrimination Notice will also be enclosed.

## Distribution

We will mail the *At A Glance* to enrollee homes in December. The file for this mailing was pulled from NYBEAS on December 7, 2024, so any enrollee not on NYBEAS as of this date should be provided with a copy.

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