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MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: Revised *Empire Plan Certificates* for CSEA, M/C; Legislature, NY Retiree and UCS effective July 1, 2023, and for PEF and UUP effective January 1, 2024
DATE: January 24, 2025

The updated *Empire Plan Certificates* for NY Retirees and employees of the State of New York in CSEA, M/C; Legislature and UCS with changes effective July 1, 2023, and for employees of the State of New York in PEF and UUP with changes effective January 1, 2024, are available on the NYSHIP website and will be mailed to enrollee homes. *Empire Plan Certificates* for employees of the State of New York in APSU, C-82, DC-37, NYSCOPBA, PBA and PIA have been updated with amendments through December 31, 2023, and are **only available online** on the NYSHIP website and HBA Online. See HBA Memo NY25-02 for more information.

Amendments detailing changes to The Empire Plan since publication of each group's last *Certificate* are available on the NYSHIP website and HBA Online. The online amendments have been incorporated into the print versions, which have also been posted online.

Certificates were previously printed and posted online for each group:

Group	Date of Previous Printed Certificate	Date of Previous Online Certificate
CSEA	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2022
M/C; Legislature	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2022
NY Retiree	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
PEF	June 1, 2018	January 1, 2022
UCS	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
UUP	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2022

Distribution

Certificates will be mailed to enrollee homes in January. The file for this mailing was pulled from NYBEAS on January 4, 2025, so anyone whose Empire Plan enrollment becomes effective after that date should be provided a copy.

Publications Available on www.cs.ny.gov/employee-benefits

Please check the NYSHIP website for new publications under Using Your Benefits.

Ordering Publications

You may order copies of the group-specific *Certificates* on HBA Online under Publications & Forms. This publication is included in the Quick Order packages, which are only available to order on HBA Online.

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