



NY25-02

MEMORANDUM

TO: New York State Health Benefits Administrators
FROM: Employee Benefits Division
SUBJECT: Revised Online December 31, 2023, *Empire Plan Certificates* for APSU, C-82, DC-37, NYSCOPBA, PBA and PIA
DATE: January 24, 2025

Updates to the *Empire Plan Certificates* for employees of the State of New York in APSU, C-82, DC-37, NYSCOPBA, PBA and PIA with amendments through December 31, 2023, are now available. They are **only available online** on the NYSHIP website and HBA Online. 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 were mailed to enrollee homes. See HBA Memo NY25-01 for more information.

Amendments detailing changes to The Empire Plan are available on the NYSHIP website and HBA Online. The amendments have been incorporated into the online versions of the *Certificate* and the previous version for each group has been archived online for reference only.

Certificates were printed and posted online for each group:

Group	Date of Printed Certificate	Date of Previous Online Certificate
APSU**	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
C-82**	January 1, 2023	N/A
DC-37*	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2022
NYSCOPBA*	June 1, 2019	January 1, 2022
PBA***	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2022
PIA	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022

* Updated *Certificates* with changes affecting Empire Plan coverage that took effect on July 1, 2024, are being created and will be printed and mailed to enrollees.

** Updated *Certificates* with changes affecting Empire Plan coverage that took effect on January 1, 2025, are being created and will be printed and mailed to enrollees.

*** Updated *Certificates* with changes affecting Empire Plan coverage that will take effect on April 1, 2025, will be created during the 2025 amendment round.

Impact on Publication Orders

The December 31, 2023, *Certificates* for these groups will **not** be printed or available to order at this time. Updated *Empire Plan Certificates* will be printed and mailed to enrollees on a group-by-group basis once new contracts have been ratified and implemented or collectively bargained changes have been administratively extended.

Until such time, the respective printed *Certificate* for each group will continue to be available to order as standalone publications or as part of group Quick Order Packages. An insert will be included in each copy that notes that the most updated version of the *Certificate* is available online. A copy can be printed from the online PDF as well, if necessary.

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