

NEW YORK STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NYSHIP)
FOR NEW YORK POLICE SUPERVISORS
REPRESENTED BY PBA
And for their enrolled Dependents
And for COBRA Enrollees with their NYSHIP Benefits

Benefit Changes

Summary of Benefit Changes under the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) for enrollees in the Empire Plan and NYSHIP HMOs

Effective October 1, 2002

Graduating Students Eligibility: Dependent students continue to be entitled to NYSHIP benefits for up to three months following the end of the month in which they complete course requirements for graduation.

Summary of Benefit Changes for enrollees in the Empire Plan

Effective October 1, 2002

Pediatric Immunizations: Influenza vaccine is covered when provided in accordance with pediatric immunization guidelines. Coverage is available under the Participating Provider Program with no copayment and under the Basic Medical Program subject to deductible and coinsurance.

Effective January 1, 2003

Basic Medical Deductible: The Empire Plan Basic Medical Program annual deductible for medical services performed and supplies prescribed by non-participating providers increases from \$271 to \$283. This change is due to an increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Coinsurance Maximum: The annual coinsurance maximum (out-of-pocket expenses) under the Empire Plan Basic Medical Program increases from \$1,005 to \$1,050. This change is due to an increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Enhanced Dental Benefits for enrollees in the GHI Preferred Dental Plan

Effective October 1, 2002

Intravenous Sedation: You are covered for intravenous sedation when rendered in connection with a covered service and administered according to American Dental Association guidelines. You are not covered for nitrous oxide.

Effective January 1, 2003

Lifetime Orthodontic Maximum: The maximum lifetime orthodontic benefit per covered dependent (under age 19) increases from \$1,998 to \$2,200.

Annual Maximum: The annual maximum amount in benefits including orthodontia (for dependent children under age 19) increases from \$1,800 to \$2,000 per person, per calendar year for covered dental services rendered by participating and non-participating providers.

Enhanced Vision Benefits for enrollees in the NYS Vision Care Plan administered by Davis Vision

Effective October 1, 2002

Spectacle Lenses: Blended segment bifocal lenses, progressive addition multifocal lenses, and high index lenses (thinner and lighter) are covered when you use a participating provider. Scratch-resistant coating is also covered.

Contact Lens Allowance: The contact lens allowance increases from \$125 to \$200 for examination, contact lenses and contact lens services.

Please note: The enhanced vision benefits above are available at your next eligibility date.

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Annual Notice of Mastectomy and Reconstructive Surgery Benefits

By law, insurers must:

- Cover inpatient hospital care for lymph node dissection, lumpectomy and mastectomy for treatment of breast cancer for as long as the physician and patient determine hospitalization is medically necessary
- Cover breast reconstruction following mastectomy, including surgery of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
- Cover treatment for complications of mastectomy, including lymphedemas
- Cover prostheses related to breast reconstruction
- Notify enrollees of this coverage through plan documents

Empire Plan enrollees: Call United HealthCare at 1-800-942-4640 if you have questions about your coverage. And, see your *Empire Plan Certificate* and *Empire Plan Reports*.

NYSHIP HMO enrollees: Contact your HMO if you have questions about these benefits. And, see your plan documents.



We'll mail an Empire Plan Report
or a NYSHIP HMO Report
explaining NYSHIP changes to
you in December/January.



Watch for the announcement of
a single new NYSHIP telephone
number to connect to Empire
Plan carriers.