

# NYSHIP

HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

SPECIAL REPORT

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NEW YORK STATE  
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NYSHIP)  
For NEW YORK STATE AND PARTICIPATING  
EMPLOYER RETIREES, VESTEES, DEPENDENT  
SURVIVORS AND ENROLLEES COVERED UNDER  
PREFERRED LIST PROVISIONS  
and for their enrolled dependents  
and for COBRA Enrollees  
with their NYSHIP Benefits

## Health Benefits Meetings May-November 2002

You're invited to attend a New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) information meeting in your area. Each meeting lasts 2 hours and, *unless otherwise noted*, runs twice in one day: 10 am - 12 noon and 1-3 pm. The same topics that are addressed at the morning sessions are repeated at the afternoon sessions.

### Albany-May 14

NYS Department of Corrections  
Albany Training Academy  
1134 New Scotland Road  
*Auditorium*

### New York City

#### (Manhattan)-May 21

Adam Clayton Powell  
State Office Building  
163 West 125th Street  
*Art Gallery*

*(Meetings continued on other side)*

No reservations required.  
Seating is first-come, first-served.  
If you cannot attend, you may send a representative.

Meeting sites are handicapped accessible.



## NYSHIP Meetings & More for 2002

Keep this handy reference for use throughout the year. This is your 2002 NYSHIP Health Benefits Meeting Schedule. We've included important telephone numbers and our NYS OnLine Benefits Web site address. Post this card in a handy place and use it to access your benefits and get your questions answered.

### NYSHIP Health Maintenance Organizations Telephone Numbers

Aetna U.S. Healthcare .....	1-800-323-9930
Blue Choice .....	(585) 454-4810 or 1-800-462-0108
Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, Inc. (CDPHP) .....	1-800-777-2273
Community Blue .....	(716) 884-2800 or 1-800-544-2583
Elderplan, Inc. ....	1-800-ELDER65 (1-800-353-3765)
Empire HMO (formerly BlueChoice HMO) .....	1-800-453-0113
GHI HMO Select .....	1-877-244-4466
HIP Health Plan of New York .....	1-800-HIP-TALK (1-800-447-8255)
HMOBlue .....	1-800-722-7884
HMO-CNY .....	1-800-447-6269
Independent Health-Western New York.....	(716) 631-8701 or 1-800-501-3439
MVP Health Care.....	1-888-687-6277
Preferred Care.....	(585) 325-3113 or 1-800-950-3224
Univera (formerly Univera Healthcare) .....	1-800-337-3338
Vytra Health Plans .....	(631) 694-6565



Call your NYSHIP HMO for:

- benefits information
- lists of providers
- replacement cards
- prescription drug information (unless you receive prescription drug coverage through a union Employee Benefit Fund)
- converting to a direct-pay contract
- coordinating with Medicare

More Telephone Numbers on Back

# More Telephone Numbers

## Plattsburgh-May 28

**One session: 10am-noon**

Clinton County

Government Center

137 Margaret Street

1st Floor Conference Room

## Hauppauge-June 25

H. Lee Dennison Building

100 Veterans Memorial Highway

1st Floor Conference Room 3

## Syracuse-June 26

Sen. Hughes

State Office Building

333 E. Washington Street

Main Hearing Room

## Buffalo-September 11

**One session: 10am-noon**

Mahoney State Office Building

65 Court Street

Hearing Room, Part I

## Binghamton-September 19

**One session: 10am-noon**

City Hall Governmental Complex

38 Hawley Street

Council Chambers

## Hauppauge-September 25

H. Lee Dennison Building

100 Veterans Memorial Highway

1st Floor Conference Room 3

## New York City

(Manhattan)-November 8

Adam Clayton Powell

State Office Building

163 West 125th Street

Art Gallery

## Albany-November 12

NYS Department of Corrections

Albany Training Academy

1134 New Scotland Road

Auditorium

**Employee Benefits Division .....518-457-5754** (Albany area)

**1-800-833-4344** (U.S. outside Albany local calling area, Canada, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

<http://www.cs.state.ny.us>

State of New York Department of Civil Service, Employee Benefits Division, The State Campus, Albany, New York 12239.

Notify the Employee Benefits Division if your child, age 19 or over, is no longer a student, to delete a dependent, to add a dependent when you marry or have a child, to report your address change, to request COBRA or to ask about NYSHIP's rules for enrolling in Medicare.



**Social Security.....1-800-772-1213**

Under NYSHIP rules, you/your dependents must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B as soon as you/your dependents become eligible for coverage under Medicare.

**Medicare .....1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227)**

Call for Medicare benefits and claims information.

<http://www.medicare.gov>

Retirement Systems: Call about retirement checks and retirement system benefits.

**NYS Employees' Retirement System.....518-474-7736**

**NYS Teachers' Retirement System.....1-800-782-0289** (Recorded information) or **518-447-2666**

or **1-800-356-3128**

**TIAA/CREF .....1-800-842-2733, 212-490-9000** (collect outside U.S.)

## Visit us on Our Web Site: <http://www.cs.state.ny.us>

The New York State Department of Civil Service Employee Benefits Division Web site includes the 2002 Retiree Meeting Schedule. Go to <http://www.cs.state.us>. Click on *Employee Benefits*, then *Happenings*. Under *Type of Event*, scroll to *Retiree Meetings*. Choose the time period you would like to view and click on *Go Search*.



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Check our Web site throughout the year for all current meetings and other benefits information.

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