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TO: Directors of OHRM and Directors of Personnel  
FROM: Employee Benefits Division  
SUBJECT: **Workers' Compensation Pharmacy Benefits Manager Change**  
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As you were informed in 2008, the New York State Workers' Compensation Board promulgated regulations allowing workers' compensation carriers to create pharmacy networks. Effective April 1, 2014, CVS Caremark will become the pharmacy benefits manager contracted to administer the prescription benefits program providing workers' compensation pharmacy network services for the New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF). CVS Caremark will be replacing Express Scripts Inc., who will continue to administer the program through March 31, 2014.

In order to remain compliant with the regulations, New York State agencies are required to follow the notification requirements below:

1. Prior to April 1, 2014, notify all employees of the change above by
  - Posting this information on an employee accessible intranet or internet website, or
  - Distributing this information to all employees individually by providing it in a paper or electronic format.
2. Effective April 1, 2014, substitute the enclosed "Notification Concerning Workers' Compensation Pharmacy Benefits" for the form currently posted conspicuously.
3. Effective April 1, 2014, provide a new Claimant Information Packet to injured employees which includes an updated "Workers' Compensation Temporary Prescription Service ID" and information regarding CVS Caremark's "short-fill" prescription service.

An electronic copy of this memorandum and enclosures can be downloaded from the Department of Civil Service's web site: <http://www.cs.state.ny.us/ebdonline/>. After logging on to HBA Online, click on the link for Workers' Compensation Pharmacy Benefits. There are separate Claimant Information Packets for agencies that utilize the Accident Reporting System for injury reporting and those agencies that do not.

For additional information on the pharmacy network or short-fill program for workers' compensation prescriptions, please contact your case manager in your NYSIF office.

Enclosures