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TO: NYSCOPBA Chief Sector Stewards –  
Southern Region and Mid-Hudson Region

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

DATE: April 25, 2005

RE: Empire Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield Hospital Network

This memo is a follow-up to previous correspondence regarding Empire Plan participation of three hospitals associated with Bon Secours Charity Health System (namely, Good Samaritan Hospital/Suffern, NY; Bon Secours Community Hospital/Port Jervis, NY; and St. Anthony Community Hospital/Warwick, NY).

Per my March 15<sup>th</sup> memo, if no settlement had been reached by today (April 25<sup>th</sup>), the hospitals would no longer participate in the Empire Plan. However, be advised that negotiations are ongoing and a second extension approved. Therefore, the hospitals continue to be in network until July 1, 2005; and if an agreement is not reached, the hospitals will no longer participate effective that date.

We will continue to keep you apprised of this situation. In the meantime, should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at NYSCOPBA, extension 236.

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Attachments

cc: NYSCOPBA Jt. Committee on Health Benefits  
NYSCOPBA Executive Board