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Arbitration Eligible Members,

On Wednesday July 15, 2009, our paybill was signed by the Governor. Shortly after the bill's signing, Executive Vice President, Chris Hickey, and I met with members of the Comptroller's executive team who are charged with implementing the provisions of the paybill and ensuring accurate payments to our members in a timely fashion. Compiling all of the necessary data for almost 20,000 NYSCOPBA members who will be receiving retroactive payments as a result of the award will obviously take some time. While a definitive payment date cannot yet be provided by the Comptroller, we have been assured that by the end of this month (July) we will be provided with a **tentative** payment date.

In the interim, I ask that all NYSCOPBA members be patient and refrain from directly contacting the Comptroller's staff with any questions about the paybill's implementation. Time spent responding to members' questions is time that could be spent calculating all of the necessary data associated with the task of preparing payments. As such, if a NYSCOPBA member has a question which he or she believes is critical to this process, I ask that you direct such questions to Chris Hickey. We will then forward those questions on to the appropriate personnel within the Comptroller's office.

We will continue to update the NYSCOPBA website with any new developments that occur. On behalf of NYSCOPBA's Executive Board, I thank you for your patience during this process.

In Unity & Solidarity,

Donn Rowe  
NYSCOPBA President