

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
FOR MEMBERS COVERED  
UNDER THE EMPIRE PLAN**

Empire Plan members who received medical/surgical services from a non-participating provider (under the Basic Medical component of the Plan) between March 15, 1994, and November 18, 2009, may receive a notice in the mail concerning a class action lawsuit between the American Medical Association and United HealthCare.

This lawsuit was filed on behalf of the American Medical Association, health plan members, health care providers and state medical societies regarding issues that have been raised concerning reasonable and customary charges through United HealthCare to reimburse members for services performed by a non-participating provider.

Members who receive a notice and wish to pursue a claim must file a claim form to receive any share in the settlement. The deadline for submission of a claim and supporting documentation is October 5, 2010. All questions related to this lawsuit or submission of forms must be directed to Berdon Claims Administration LLC. Reimbursement amounts will depend on the number of claims received nationwide.

Again, affected members will find contact information on the notice they received in the mail (NYSCOPBA cannot assist in this regard).

For more information, visit Berdon's website at [www.berdonclaims.com](http://www.berdonclaims.com) or toll free at 800-443-1073.