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TO: NYSCOPBA Chief Sector Stewards
FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist
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RE: Flu Shots Under the Empire Plan

- PLEASE POST -

Be advised that coverage for flu shots under the Empire Plan is provided through the medical portion of the plan (United HealthCare) and through a participating provider only (no coverage through a non-participating provider). A \$20.00 copay applies.

Many stores (including drug stores) are currently offering flu shots and advertise the shots are covered through customers' health insurance plans. Do not be fooled - this is not the case with the Empire Plan. Drug store coverage is provided through the prescription drug program (presently Medco) and there is no benefit for flu shots through that program. Again, coverage is offered through United Healthcare only and through a participating provider only.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board
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