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

**FROM:** Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

**DATE:** November 1, 2011

**RE:** Empire Plan/Blue Cross/Blue Shield Hospital Network/  
Richmond University Medical Center (RUMC)

As a follow-up to my memo dated October 3, 2011, this is formal notification that Blue Cross/Blue Shield did not reach a contract with Richmond University Medical Center (RUMC) on Staten Island. As a result, effective today, this facility is no longer in the Empire Plan's network and services will be paid out-of-network as defined in Article 12.4(a)(4) of NYSCOPBA's contract and as outlined in my October 3<sup>rd</sup> memo.

Please share this information with your membership.

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