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- PLEASE POST -

TO: Chief Sector Stewards Without Binding Arbitration
FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist
DATE: June 23, 2009
RE: Health Insurance Updates

Please post this memo to notify your membership of the following:

Dependent Eligibility Verification Project – Phase 1 of this project is complete and Budco has begun Phase 2 (runs from 7/6/09 through 10/5/09). The eligibility verification packets will be mailed July 2-10, 2009. **Every** member with family coverage is mandated to respond to the packet and forward the required eligibility verification documents to Budco (**DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, ONLY COPIES – BUDCO WILL NOT RETURN ANY DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED**). **If a member does not respond, their dependents will be removed from coverage effective 2/1/09** (the starting point of this project). All questions should be directed to Budco (not your Personnel Office) – they have direct contact with Civil Service and will help members with all issues. Budco's telephone number (through July 2nd) is 1-888-358-2196. Effective July 3rd, Budco's number will be 1-888-358-2198.

NYSCOPBA members with binding arbitration will be affected by many health insurance changes effective 7/1/09. Remind your membership that their benefits remain exactly the same (copays, etc.); none of the changes affect their coverage. Should anyone experience a problem with a provider in this regard, they should explain to that provider that their coverage has not changed. If the provider refuses to apply the correct benefits, contact me and I will follow up with the responsible party to get the situation resolved.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

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