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TO: Chief Sector Stewards – Central Region; Auburn CF; Butler; Cayuga CF;  
Five Points; and Willard

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

DATE: March 13, 2008

RE: University Hospital (Syracuse)/Empire Plan

We have received telephone calls regarding recent newspaper articles stating that University Hospital in Syracuse is dropping out of the United HealthCare network effective 4/1/08. Be advised that this change does not affect the Empire Plan. Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield pays hospital charges under the Empire Plan, not United HealthCare. Additionally, we have been assured that current Empire Plan contracts United HealthCare holds in this area are not affected.

Please pass this information on to your membership.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Jt. Committee on Health Benefits  
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