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

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist 

DATE: April 1, 2010

RE: Empire Plan/Blue Cross/Blue Shield Hospital Network
Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield HMO – Stellaris Health Network

As a follow-up to my March 15, 2010, memo, be advised that Stellaris Health Network (SHN) and Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield failed to reach an agreement for Stellaris' participation in Empire's network; therefore, effective today, the four hospitals listed below no longer participate in either the Empire Plan or Empire's HMO product:

1. Lawrence Hospital Center (Bronxville)
2. Northern Westchester Hospital (Mt. Kisco)
3. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center (Sleepy Hollow)
4. White Plains Hospital Center (White Plains)

Members who received previous services from these hospitals or who live within a 30-mile radius of them received notification from Blue Cross on how non-participating coverage will affect them (and a list of participating hospitals). My March 15th memo also explained coverage. Members with questions should call Blue Cross at 1-877-769-7447 (Option 2) for clarification (members covered through the HMO product should call the number on their card).

Should an agreement be reached in the future, I will notify you immediately; and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board
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