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TO: All NYSCOPBA Members

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

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RE: Change in the Empire Plan's Formulary Strategy for Brand Medications Farxiga and Xigduo

NYSCOPBA was just informed that brand drugs Farxiga and Xigduo were moved to Tier 3 on the Empire Plan's formulary in June due to lesser expensive generic drugs approved and added to the plan. Members affected by this change received letters from CVS advising them that their next fill of those drugs would be replaced by lesser generic medications. If those members do not wish to change to the generic alternative, they should contact their provider for a new prescription of Farxiga or Xigduo (result will be a Tier 3 copayment).

Feel free to contact me regarding this issue with any questions.

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