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TO: NYSCOPBA Chief Sector Stewards

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

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RE: Empire Plan Recall of Belviq (lorcaserin) 10 mg Tablets and
Belviq XR (lorcaserin) 20 mg Tablets

This is notification that there has been a drug recall of two weight-loss medications - Belviq (lorcaserin) 10 mg tablets and Belviq XR (lorcaserin) 20 mg tablets. The recall was issued because a safety clinical trial shows an increased occurrence of cancer. The FDA recommends patients stop taking the drugs and call their doctor or Eisai Medical (the manufacturer). A total of 33 NYSCOPBA members are affected.

CVS will be sending letters to our members notifying them of the recall.

The Department of Civil Service has posted information on the recall to "What's New" for NYSHIP Online (www.cs.ny.gov/employee-benefits).

Should a member reach out to you regarding the recall, have them contact their doctor or call Eisai Medical at 1-888-274-2378.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board
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