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TO: NYSCOPBA Chief Sector Stewards

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RE: FDA Alert for EpiPen 0.3mg and EpiPen Jr. 0.15mg Auto-Injectors

The FDA recently issued an alert for EpiPen 0.3mg and EpiPen Jr. 0.15mg auto-injectors due to some manufacturing defects that may interfere with injection of medication. While not a recall, members need to understand the potential consequences of using these pens.

CVS has sent notification letters to all Empire Plan enrollees who may have received one of these pens (currently 198 active (plan-wide, not NYSCOPBA specific) and early retirees, with 146 Medicare prime enrollees). Fortunately, pharmacists are now checking these EpiPens for defects before dispensing them.

Affected members can go to the "What's New" section of NYSHIP Online (www.cs.ny.gov) for a description of the possible defects for review and contact information for the manufacturers should they need a replacement.

Please share this information with your membership.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board
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