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-NOTIFICATION OF TELEPHONE SCAM-

- TO: NYSCOPBA Members
- FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist
- DATE: July 24, 2020
- RE: Telephone Scam Concerning the Empire Plan's Prescription Drug Program

We have received notification that the Department of Civil Service is receiving reports of calls being made from a "Pharmacy Network" claiming to be affiliated with CVS asking our members if they would like no-copy medications mailed to them. THIS "PHARMACY NETWORK" IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH CVS AND THE CALLS ARE A SCAM. Below is the information Civil Service posted to their site:

Prescription Drug Phone Scam Targeting Empire Plan Members

The Department of Civil Service is aware that third party companies, unaffiliated with the Empire Plan, are targeting enrollees with offers to obtain medications for no cost or reduced cost. Do not provide your personal information to these companies; they are not authorized by the Empire Plan. If you are able to provide details regarding the call, such as the phone number and the medications they say they will cover, please report this information to the Plan by calling the toll-free number at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and selecting option 4 to reach the Prescription Drug Program. If you have any questions about your Empire Plan prescription drug coverage, please visit <u>www.cs.ny.gov/empireplan</u> rxprogram or call the Empire Plan toll-free number.

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