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TO: NYSCOPBA Members

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

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RE: Two Temporary Changes to NYSHIP Dental and Vision Coverage

This memo is notification of two temporary changes to NYSHIP's Dental and Vision benefits for members who may have been negatively impacted due to COVID-19. These two changes remain in place until the end of the Federal Emergency Period (currently 4/21/21).

The changes are as follows:

Dental Plan – Sealants

Dental sealant age restrictions (end of month in which the child reaches age 14) will be waived for those who reached age 14 on or after March 1, 2020. Claims for members who were denied payment of sealants from March 1, 2020, to present will be reprocessed.

Vision Plan – 90-Day Rule

The 90-day rule is suspended (this rule requires members to get their glasses or contacts within 90 days from the day they get their exam). The member can now order their materials (glasses or contacts) beyond that 90 day period.

As we receive notification of any changes to the above, we will share the information with you.

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

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