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TO: Chief Sector Stewards, Northern Region

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

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RE: Empire Plan Network – Nina Pierpont, MD

Over the summer, I received several telephone calls concerning Dr. Nina Pierpont in Malone, New York. She ran into a problem with claims being paid under the Empire Plan for counseling services which fall under the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program (Beacon Health). I referred this issue to the Governor's Office of Employee Relations for a resolution.

After several months of discussions, I have been notified by the State that Dr. Pierpont remains in-network as a pediatrician; however, counseling claims falling under Beacon Health are invalid. Anyone needing help finding an alternative provider for counseling services should contact Beacon Health (1-877-769-7447, Option 3) for assistance.

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

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cc: NYSCOPBA Jt. Committee on Health Benefits