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TO: NYSCOPBA Chief Sector Stewards –
Southern Region and Mid-Hudson Region

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

DATE: June 17, 2019

RE: Update on NYU Langone and Westchester Hospitals' Participation in the
Empire Plan

This memo is an update in regards to the status of NYU Langone and Westchester Network Hospitals' participation in the Empire Plan.

I previously reported that NYU Langone is in negotiations with Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield and should those negotiations be unsuccessful, the facilities will no longer participate in the Empire Plan effective July 15th. In the latest update, we were informed that the agreement between these facilities and BCBS has been extended through August 31st; therefore, if negotiations fail, the facilities will be out-of-network effective September 1st. Notification letters to affected members will begin on August 1st.

As you know, negotiations with the Westchester Medical Center Health Network were unsuccessful and those hospitals became out-of-network facilities effective June 1st. Be advised that negotiations are continuing (some newspapers indicated otherwise).

I will inform you on any further updates I receive.

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