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Important Health Insurance News for all AME Members and their Dependents!

Your Point of Service (POS) will now have access to: A National PPO Network!

Thanks to the strong efforts by AME and every other public sector union in Suffolk who are sitting members of our Employee Medical Health Plan of Suffolk County (EMHP), we are proud to inform you that as of January 1, 2012, our POS medical coverage will once again give you access to a Blue Cross/Blue Shield, **National PPO Network!**

And what does that mean, for you?

- When you are vacationing and need a doctor, you can now find one in any state – *within the PPO Blue Cross/Blue Shield network of providers!*
- When your children leave the family nest and attend colleges throughout New York State, or in other states, they can now find a doctor – *within the PPO Blue Cross/Blue Shield network of providers!*
- Retiree “snowbirds” who spend summer months on Long Island and winter months in warmer climates can now utilize doctors and services out-of-state – *within the PPO Blue Cross/Blue Shield network of providers!*

The Labor/Management Committee worked diligently with our third party provider **Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield**, to offer you a health plan that is second to none, while supporting cost-saving methods to keep our health plan package **premium-free**.

But there's more: Hospital for Special Surgery is back in-network!

The **Hospital for Special Surgery** is now included *within our POS Blue Cross/Blue Shield network of providers* offering at least 77 additional doctors associated with Hospital for Special Surgery.

All of these benefits cover our members and their eligible family dependents.

Watch for your new ID cards in December!

New EMHP Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be mailed out in December, with the new National PPO Network effective date of 1/1/2012.

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