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To: All MSII, MaBSTOA Bus and Queens Division Members

From: Philip Valenti, President

Re: NYSHIP/Aetna Medical Comparison Study

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As promised, I am sending you the NYSHIP/Aetna Medical Comparison Study (enclosed) to help you make your decision during the Fall open enrollment period.

The information in this study is a side-by-side comparison of two of the plans that you will choose from. We contracted the Segal Group, a consulting company, to perform this study as they are professionals in this field.

Please note, when we set up the parameters with the Segal Group, they obviously needed to know what they would be comparing, so we chose the NYSHIP/Empire Plan and the Aetna POS II Base plan. **This does not mean that NYSHIP Emblem, formerly HIP and the other Aetna plans such as Aetna Select will not be available to you, they will!** The choices we made were based on what we believed were the most widely used in both plan options.

In addition to this study, we are working with the Authority to have workshops at locations and online to help educate the membership further on the two plans and to answer any questions you may have.

For now, I hope the information we are providing you with today helps you in making an educated decision regarding you and your family's medical coverage.

Fraternally,

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