

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## SPECIAL OPEN ENROLLMENT

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The State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) has recently announced the following changes to the **NJ Direct 10** and **NJ Direct 15** medical plans:

- Coordination of benefits (COB) between **NJ Direct 10** and **NJ Direct 15** will now be allowed. This means that spouses or domestic partners with NJ Direct plans can now cover each other under their respective plans.
- Copayments a member makes under **NJ Direct 10** to in-network providers will now count toward the in-network out-of-pocket maximum. Previously only co-insurance (for select services) counted toward the in-network out-of-pocket maximum.

### **Special Open Enrollment**

A Special Open Enrollment is being offered for the period **February 1, 2009** through **February 28, 2009** to allow members to change medical plans. **Changes made during this open enrollment will take effect on May 1, 2009.**

Please note that during this Special Open Enrollment members will **only** be allowed to change medical plans. All other changes must be submitted during the regular open enrollment in October.

For more information on medical plan benefits, see the **Plan Comparison Summary** available in the HR Department or at the SHBP website:

[http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/hb\\_open\\_enrollment\\_2009/hb-0798-local-ed-comparison-booklet.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/hb_open_enrollment_2009/hb-0798-local-ed-comparison-booklet.pdf)

To make plan changes, stop by the HR reception area to pick up or to submit a new SHBP enrollment application.

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 2009.**