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TO: State Departmental Certifying Officers
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SUBJECT: Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit

As you are aware, the Division of Pensions and Benefits in conjunction with Aon Consulting has been conducting a dependent eligibility verification audit (DEVA) over the last several months. Over 100,000 members were contacted and over 3,700 dependents have self-identified themselves as ineligible for coverage under the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP).

The deadline for employees to respond to the audit is **August 21, 2009**. The covered dependents of members who do not respond by the deadline will be terminated from coverage effective October 1, 2009 (September 26, 2009 for employees paid through the State's Centralized Payroll Unit).

There are still a significant number of members who have not responded to multiple requests to submit the necessary documentation to prove the eligibility of their dependents. We are asking you to encourage your employees to submit the necessary documentation to Aon to avoid the termination of their dependents' coverage under the SHBP.

There are also a number of members who do not have current address information on file and therefore have had their DEVA paperwork returned to Aon as undeliverable. Please note that every employee who covers a dependent should have received a packet regarding the DEVA.

If an employee needs a replacement packet or an initial packet, they can call the SHBP Dependent Eligibility Verification Service Center at 1-866-641-5651, and enter employer code 8642 when prompted. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 am until 6 pm, except State holidays.

We appreciate your cooperation in contributing to the SHBP's efforts to continue to provide quality healthcare at a reasonable cost.