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**Information circular\***

To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Controller

Subject: **New Empire BlueCross BlueShield prescription drug provider**

1. The purpose of the present information circular is to inform participants in the Empire Deluxe PPO plan that the discount prescription drug component under the Empire Pharmacy Management programme, which has been provided by MedImpact Healthcare Systems Inc., will be provided by a new company, AdvanceRX, effective 1 January 2001.
2. AdvanceRX is one of the largest pharmacy management companies in the United States and has substantial experience with managing BlueCross BlueShield prescription drug plans in other areas of the United States. Empire BlueCross BlueShield has indicated that the new relationship with AdvanceRX holds several advantages for participants, including access to a larger pharmacy network and expanded customer service coverage.
3. In connection with the switch from MedImpact to AdvanceRX, Empire BlueCross BlueShield is issuing new ID cards to all participants. The new Empire ID cards, which will be effective on 1 January 2001, as well as information about the new pharmacy provider, are in the process of being mailed directly by Empire BlueCross BlueShield to each subscriber at the home or mailing address on file with BlueCross. Participants in the plan who have not heretofore updated their home or private mailing address utilizing the online address registration facility are urged to do so without delay by going to the United Nations Intranet and clicking on "Quicklinks" followed by "Insurance". The Insurance, Claims and Compensation Section site will appear: click on the link "Fill in your home or private mailing address INSURANCE FORM", and follow the prompts.

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\* Expiration date of the present information circular: 30 June 2001.

