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MEMO FROM BENEFITS OFFICE:

This memo was received from the Human Resources Benefits Office, July 9, 2002:

As many of you may have heard in the news, a large number of Long Island hospitals are threatening to pull out of the Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield network and stop accepting their insurance coverage. We had not received any information on this prior to the news. We contacted both SUNY Employee Benefits Division and Research Foundation in Albany and they were not aware of this problem either. They have just contacted Blue Cross through their sources, and Blue Cross has assured them that they are still in negotiations with all of the hospitals and are confident that they will come to an agreement to prevent this from happening. Blue Cross feels that the hospitals chose to publicize the issue in order to draw attention to their request for higher reimbursement levels. Albany will keep us informed as they receive additional information, and we will keep everyone informed when we hear from them. At this point we have no additional details, but employees may call the Benefits Office at 2-6150, and we will provide them with as much information as we have.

MEMO FROM PAM:

Make copies of student timesheets for payroll #7 and give them to Pam as soon as possible. This pay period includes the dates June 20 - July 3, 2002. THANK YOU!