

# NEWS & NOTES

The Newsletter for EmblemHealth, GHI and HIP Providers

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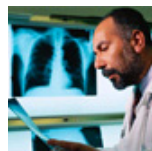
### [HIP Service Area Expansion Affects GHI HMO Providers](#)

Notices are being sent to GHI HMO contracted providers in anticipation of merging GHI HMO into HIP Health Plan of New York. Pending approval from New York State Departments of Health and Financial Services, respectively, this planned merger will be effective November 1, 2012. [more](#)



### [Web Usage Updates for Network Providers](#)

Starting November 1, 2012, Web usage updates will go into effect for GHI HMO providers, hospitals, GHI HMO-contracted hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. In addition a new prior approval CPT/HCPCs lookup tool will be added. [more](#)



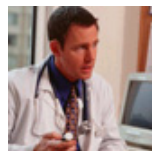
### [New EmblemHealth Radiation Therapy Program and Changes to the EmblemHealth Cardiology Imaging and Radiology Programs](#)

On October 1, 2012, EmblemHealth will introduce a new Radiation Therapy Program. In addition, on that date changes to our Cardiology Imaging and Radiology programs will be implemented. [more](#)



### [New Prior Approval List](#)

Starting November 1, 2012, a [new prior approval list](#) will apply to all commercial and state-sponsored benefit plans underwritten by GHI HMO Select, Inc., HIP Health Plan of New York, HIP Insurance Plan of New York and Vytra Health Plans Managed Systems. [more](#)



### [High-Risk Medications for Elderly Patients](#)

Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services has listed certain drugs as high-risk medications for patients over age 65. These therapies should be evaluated for your older patients. [more](#)

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## SAVE THE DATE

The Occupational and Environmental Health Center of Eastern New York is hosting the seminar

**["Is Work Making Your Patients Sick? Preventing, Diagnosing and Treating Occupational Illness."](#)**

**[Register now for this event.](#)**

It takes place Friday, September 28, 2012, at 8:30 am at the University at Albany School of Public Health in Rensselaer, New York.