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**Important Notice about a Change of Vendor for
Your Group's Mental Health Benefits Administration**

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Dear «SERVATTN»:

We are writing to give you advance notice about the upcoming change of vendor for your group's mental health and substance abuse benefits administration. This change will not affect your group's benefits.

In the coming months, ValueOptions[®], the nation's largest independent behavioral health and wellness company, will expand its relationship with EmblemHealth to become the benefit administrator for Emblem Behavioral Health Services. This transition to ValueOptions will now include members of GHI HMO plans, as well as plans underwritten by HIP Health Plan of New York (HIP) and HIP Insurance Company of New York (HIPIC), including HIP-branded plans and the EmblemHealth-branded CompreHealth EPO/HMO plans.

To give your group members advance notice about the change to ValueOptions, we have included an article in the new issue of *Health Matters*, EmblemHealth's member newsletter, which we are mailing this week. Once the official start-up date has been determined, we will send you and your group members a more detailed notification.

We believe that this change of vendor will enhance the behavioral and mental health services we provide to your group's members.

Sincerely,

George Babitsch
Senior Vice President
Account Management and Underwriting

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