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Dear SHIP member,

Enclosed is the new SHIP brochure explaining all the benefits available to eligible enrollees (members and/or spouses/domestic partners) in 2022.

In order to stay focused on the benefits retirees need most, we have been working together with the SHIP Executive Director, Patricia Rojas and the SHIP Board of Trustees and responsible advisors to consider benefit enhancements and modifications in the context of fiduciary soundness.

It should be noted that technological improvements and creative leadership over the last year have enabled the SHIP staff to expedite the processing of claims which are now being finalized in a matter of days compared to the weeks and months it used to take.

Along with that positive development, we and the SHIP Board of Trustees announce the following benefit changes effective January 1, 2022.

Benefit changes include enhancing the dental out-of-pocket reimbursement, increasing it from $300 to $400 per calendar year, offsetting the rising cost of dental procedures.

SHIP’s orthopedic shoes/foot orthotic inserts LIFETIME MAXIMUM will increase from $2,000 to $3,000, adding additional years of coverage.

SHIP’s surgical stockings, surgical sleeves and/or compression wraps LIFETIME MAXIMUM will increase from $2,000 to $3,000, adding additional years of coverage.

Changes to SHIP’s Survivor Benefit (SHIP’s COBRA premium coverage) benefit were also made. Please reference page 13 of the SHIP booklet.

As SHIP is a unique UFT retiree program, self-funded by members, we continue to look for ways to improve your benefits and make modifications in a fiduciarily responsible way whenever feasible.

In solidarity,

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Retired Teachers Chapter Leader

Michael Mulgrew
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