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TO:

Administrators, Teachers, and Operational Supervisors

FROM:

Donna Jones, Ed.D., Asst. Superintendent for Business

DATE:

January 4, 2016

RE:

Changes to Excess Major Medical Plan (Effective January 1, 2016)

The District has received the following information from J.J. Stanis regarding changes to the Excess Major Medical Plan for Vision Care services effective **January 1, 2016**:

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016 Davis Vision will be considered an OUT OF NETWORK PROVIDER which will result in a significant increase to a member's out of pocket cost for vision services.

If an employee hasn't utilized their vision benefit through Davis Vision, they are eligible to use Davis Vision through December 31, 2015. Effective January 1, 2016 benefits will be available through National Vision Administrators (NVA).

The Policy Number (XGNY1160) will remain the same, and employees will have the ability to print out an I.D. Card through the NVA website **after** January 1, 2016. The website address is: www.e-nva.com. Employees can use either their I.D. Card or Policy Number after January 1, 2016 when they visit an eye care provider.

Following is a partial list of local vision care providers that participate in the National Vision Administrators network. (It encompasses a 30-mile radius of zip code 11772). Some of the recognizable vision care providers include:

- ➤ Pearle Vision (all locations)
- > Cohen's Fashion Optical (all locations)
- > Sterling Optical (all locations)
- ➤ J.C. Penney Optical (all locations)
- ➤ Vision World (all locations)
- > Dr. Jeffrey Dello Russo (all locations)

Changes are effective January 1, 2016 however, employees can currently search for participating NVA providers on NVA's website by selecting ShelterPoint in the drop-down box as the Group/Sponsor.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please feel free to contact **ShelterPoint at 1-800-365-4999**.