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**TO:** State Biweekly, State Monthly, and SHBP-participating Local Government Certifying Officers, Human Resources Representatives, and Benefit Administrators

**FROM:** New Jersey State Health Benefits Program (SHBP)

**SUBJECT: Executive Order No. 172**

On August 3, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 172, which waived the 60-day waiting period for enrollment in the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) for newly hired employees and members returning from retirement, layoff, etc. Those hired on or after March 9, 2020, were eligible for immediate enrollment into the SHBP for the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

P.L. 2021, c. 103 (Chapter 103), provides for termination of the Public Health Emergency effective Friday, June 4, 2021, with the temporary exclusion of certain Executive Orders. Executive Order No. 172 was not extended by Chapter 103, and therefore expires 30 days after the termination of the Public Health Emergency. However, to allow sufficient time for programming, the waiver of the 60-day waiting period for enrollment into the SHBP will terminate as of July 31, 2021, for State Biweekly members, and August 1, 2021, for State Monthly and local government members.

### EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITES

State Biweekly employees hired on or after July 31, 2021, and State Monthly and local government employees hired on or after August 1, 2021, will again have a 60-day waiting period to enroll in the SHBP. Timely verification of the employee's elections and documentation in Benefitsolver is important to ensure the member's coverage will start immediately after the 60-day waiting period.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding any of the information provided in this letter, contact the NJDPB's Office of Client Services at (609) 292-7524, or email the NJDPB at: [pensions.nj@treas.nj.gov](mailto:pensions.nj@treas.nj.gov)