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ASSOCIATION CONTEST

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JANUARY 2022 CONTEST
WINNER 1280 ALLERTON LLC OF THE BRONX, NY.**

Please read through this bulletin for your chance to win!!! Call the office with the correct answer to the trivia question and you will be entered in the monthly drawing for a chance to receive a free month's dues; a value of \$45.00.

ATTORNEY'S CORNER

What are credit card "surcharges"?

Charging for credit card usage is generally referred to as a credit card surcharge. These are optional fees added by a merchant when customers use a credit card to pay at checkout. *Surcharges are legal unless restricted by state law.* A brand level surcharge adds the same fee to all credit card transactions from the same payment network, such as Visa or MasterCard.

What is legal in NYS?

The NYS Court of Appeals recently clarified NYS GBL 518 as follows: Merchants can charge two different prices for purchases - by credit card and by cash; The higher price charged to credit card users must be tagged and posted for consumers in actual "dollars and cents" form.

Everyday world

In summary, Merchants can charge two different prices for purchases - by credit card and by cash. The higher price charged to credit card users must be tagged and posted for consumers in actual "dollars and cents" form, and Merchants can call the price differential a surcharge.

NYS law is clear - if merchants decide to add a credit card surcharge to purchases, they must clearly inform consumers by posting the actual price with the surcharge and cannot do so in a misleading way. Consumers should not have to do math to figure out whether they are paying the surcharge.

Violations of Law

Merchants must either display both prices (cash and credit) or the higher credit card price only, and if a merchant fails to do this it is a violation of law. If the merchant only displays the cash price and says the credit card price is a certain percent higher, it is a violation.

Merchants cannot lure in consumers by only posting the lower cash discount price.

Gasoline Stations

Lastly, gasoline stations that offer two tier pricing (cash and credit) need to display the higher selling credit price as well as the discounted cash price. Drivers must know when pulling up to the pump what their highest cost exposure is before filling their tanks. Debit sales can be considered credit sales or cash sales, the determination being made by the merchant.

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RETURNING 2022 INSPECTION CERTIFICATES

If you have inspection stickers with a 2022 expiration date, regulation requires that you **return them by March 1st, 2022.**

**No credit or refunds for 2022 stickers will be given after
December 31, 2022.**

Please return the unused stickers in a secure and durable shipping container (e.g., a cardboard box or reinforced envelope).

Do not place a new sticker order or requisition in the shipping container with your sticker returns. This will delay your new sticker order.

Include a completed "**Inspection Certificate Return form**" provided at the end of this bulletin. You may use more than one form if necessary. This form also provides the mailing address options for you returns. Completed Inspection Certificate Return forms must be included with your sticker returns to DMV.

Once the returns are logged into their system, a Credit Letter will be sent to the Facility. Upon receipt of your credit letter, verify the return sticker numbers indicated and the amount. If any discrepancies are found, please contact the DMV immediately at 518-474-5913.

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COVID-19 ON THE RISE

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continued to rise in January. Community transmission remains high throughout the U.S. These trends are driven by the Omicron variant, which now accounts for approximately 98% of cases in the country.

What employers need to know

If you send employees home on a precautionary quarantine, they are entitled to job protection, COVID-19 sick leave and/or paid benefits through your Paid Family Leave and disability benefits insurance provider for the duration of their quarantine.

The NY DOL has advised NY COVID Leave is available for maximum of three instances. The leave available to employees if they are subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation depends on the size of your business as of January 1, 2020.

Small businesses with 10 or fewer employees as of January 1, 2020, and that had a net annual income less than \$1 million last year must provide your employees with:

- Job protection for the duration of the order of quarantine or isolation

Medium businesses with 11-99 employees as of January 1, 2020, and smaller employers (1-10 employees) that had a net annual income greater than \$1 million last year must provide your employees with:

- Job protection for the duration of the order of quarantine or isolation
- At least 5 days of paid sick leave

Large businesses with 100 or more employees as of January 1, 2020, must provide your employees with:

- Job protection for the duration of the order of quarantine or isolation
- At least 14 days of paid sick leave

If an employee notifies you of their intent to request leave you can provide the forms to them by visiting:

<http://docs.paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/content/main/forms/PFLDocs/scovid19.pdf>

CARMAKERS LAUNCH DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO DELAY MASSACHUSETTS RIGHT-TO -REPAIR LAW

Two new proposals backed by the auto industry would delay the implementation of the law from 2022 to 2025.

Major car manufacturers aren't giving up on their efforts to stymie Massachusetts' right to repair legislation. Less than two years after residents in the state voted in favor of updated right to repair laws that would let independent auto repair shops receive telematics data from vehicles, groups representing auto manufacturers are now introducing their own new proposals that would delay the law's implementation.

If passed, the two new proposals, first viewed by Motherboard, would push back the starting date of Massachusetts' right to repair law to 2025, three years later than the original 2022 start date. Though supporters of the proposal argue the extra years would give automakers more time to comply with the laws, the efforts were derided by critics like Massachusetts Right to Repair Coalition Director Tommy Hickey.

"Massachusetts consumers have spoken, and the law now gives them the right to control their own repair data so that they can get their car fixed where they want," Hickey told the Gloucester Daily Times. "However, instead of listening to their customers and attempting to comply with the ballot initiative, automakers and dealers filed a baseless, anti-democratic lawsuit."

For those unaware, Massachusetts' 2020 law was intended to make it easier for small auto shops to access diagnostic data about vehicles without the need for proprietary tools available only to manufacturers. When the law goes into effect, The Drive notes, it would require any automaker doing business in the state to allow this telematics data to be accessible through a smartphone app.

The auto industry has argued making such tools more widely available could come with cybersecurity and vehicle safety risks, though that line of argument has often come across as more akin to fearmongering than actual concern for consumers' well-being. (One ad paid for by the Alliance for Automotive Innovation tried to convince viewers a sexual predator could use vehicle data to stalk and prey upon their victims). Industry groups representing carmakers even went as far as to file a lawsuit in U.S. District Court arguing the law was unconstitutional. The ruling on that suit has yet to be determined.

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Despite these carmakers' best efforts, the winds appear to be blowing in favor of right-to-repair principles in recent years, and not just for vehicles. Back in October, Microsoft became the first major tech company to stand behind the right to repair by agreeing to make it easier for its customers to independently repair their devices. The company also pleaded to hire an independent consultant to examine the ways increased access to parts could minimize electronic waste. Not long after that, Apple, the long-time Darth Vader of the right to repair movement, unexpectedly announced it would begin selling customers the parts and tools needed to repair iPhones and Macs, something advocates had spent years pushing for.

As seen on Gizmodo.com



SSDA SIGNS ONTO BUSINESS COMMUNITY LETTER OPPOSING TAX HIKES

Dear Congressional Leaders:

Our coalition of public and private sector stakeholders in the transportation industry first write to extend our appreciation for robust transportation infrastructure funding included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

The Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate played a critical role in the development and passage of this historic legislation that will benefit the entire country.

With that said, we can begin to fulfill the promise of the IIJA expected by the public only when full-year appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 becomes available. We recognize that the House and Senate have yet to resolve their differences to finalize negotiations for FY 2022 appropriations including for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies (THUD) and now needs to rely on yet another Continuing Resolution (CR) through February 18, 2022. Without a full-year appropriations bill, we anticipate that states will not be able to access the IIJA's 20 percent funding increase for Highway Trust Fund formula programs, along with any new transportation initiatives that Congress may want to pursue. Instead, under this new CR that extends three months past the signing of the IIJA, the obligation limitation that dictates spending levels for many federal transportation programs will remain well below what is included in the legislation.

We also note the programs hit the hardest by this lower obligation limitation are new formula programs—Carbon Reduction and PROTECT—which will force state and local governments to delay implementation of a key Congressional priority in the IIJA.

The signing organizations support a full-year appropriations bill and strongly advocate for such a measure. However, a delay of almost six months since the beginning of FY 2022 in providing the much-touted funding increases from the IIJA is unacceptable and will cause significant project disruptions, reduced construction-related employment, and delays in delivering critical transportation infrastructure improvements—just when Americans were promised the most ambitious infrastructure package of our time.

Given the hard work and effort that Congress put into the IIJA, we urge you to put the much-needed infrastructure and safety investments envisioned in this bipartisan package to work as soon as possible. If Congress again finds itself unable to finish the THUD Appropriations bill by February 18, 2022, we ask that Congress includes an anomaly to provide full obligation limitation levels in any future CR in order to fully honor the IIJA's funding levels for transportation programs.

Thank you for again for providing record-high levels of transportation appropriations in the IIJA and we ask that you pass the FY 2022 THUD Appropriations bill as soon as possible—or provide the necessary anomaly—in order to fully realize the full potential of this historic infrastructure legislation.

Sincerely,

SSDA-AT and other trade associations

REFERRALS

If you know of a station that needs our services and is interested in becoming a member, refer them to us and upon signing you will receive a \$50.00 Amazon gift card. If you know of someone interested, please contact our Sales Representative Bill Griese at 914-227-0144.

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Facebook page
@SSDGY

NEW EMBLEM HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

The Emblem Plans are renewing March 1, 2022. Please see the new rates and election form on the next page. If you are already in the Emblem plan and want to switch between plans or if you want to enroll in Emblem for the first time, you must fill out the form and submit it to the office by March 1, 2022. If you want to stay with the plan you currently have there is no need to submit a new election form. You will automatically be rolled over into the new corresponding plan.

BULLETIN ADS

As you know you can send in an ad if you would like to post items for sale. In addition to that we can also list wanted items as well. Please let us know if you are looking for any items and we will post that for you.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: Powersports Dealership for sale, Motorcycles, ATVS, UTVS, Snowmobiles, Generators/power washers. Parts / Service dept. 8500 sq. ft. building on 8 acres. Rent or buy. Kawasaki and Arctic Cat, Kymco, Generac generators. We are located on the Newburgh/Marlboro NY, RT 9w. High traffic road. Check our website bigboyztoysny.com Call Tony 845-781-3082 cell.

For Sale: West. Cty NYS Insp. Mach. & Lic. including window tint meter. asking \$20,000 obo. Auto repair shop of over 30 years closing. All equipment & tools for sale call Ed at 914-659-0453.

For Sale: Auto body shop business and property with house for sale in Town of Clarkstown. New XL spray booth and many new pieces of equipment to name. Serious inquiries only. Text interest to 845-548-7064 and someone will get back to you."

For Sale: Family owned and operated repair shop for 75 years on City Island, Bronx. Est. client base – Corner lot 65ft. X 100ft. with 2 bays. Property, Building, Inspection License & Equip. Please, serious inquiries only. Call Dave Carman 646-408-4246.

For Sale: Est. shop that specializes in trailer repair, snowplow and salter sales, repair, and parts. We also offer vehicle up-fitting. We sell and install dump bodies and hitches. The shop is geared towards landscapers and contractor's needs. We have the ability to make hydraulic hoses that we make on site. A fully stocked showroom of inventory. The shop can fit 4 vehicles inside. Equip. includes: 2 post lifts, torches, welder, tire changer, balancer, band saw, drill press, work benches & more. There is also a private office. We are very busy plow work and sales of snowplows. Motivated to sell immediately due to relocating out of the area. Great opportunity to get in now before the snow season. Please call 845-590-5800 for more info.

For Sale: Various ½ " & ¾" Drive Socket Sets, extensions, 1 Lincoln Grease Gun Cartridge (**BATTERY POWER**), Miscellaneous Shop Tools and Supplies, 1 Ammco Combo Brake Lathe, Rotors and Drum and all adaptors, 1 Ammco Little Giant Brake Drum Lathe, 1 MGO Pump for Drum, 1 Elect Parts Washer, Portable Engine Crane, Engine Stand, 1 Hoppy Laser Headlight Aimer, Various Jack Stands Different Tonnage, 4 Floor Jacks Various Tonnage, 1 Snap-On EVAP Smoke Machine (**BRAND NEW**), 2012 Honda Rancher ES ATV with plow & Craftsman Ride On Lawn Mower.

Contact: Tony Zeppieri at 914-494-8338 for pricing.

For Sale: Three bay auto repair shop with parking lot and state inspection license. Located at 467 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. Please call 914-375-6150 and ask for Siaka.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Proper Service of Baldwin Place,
Baldwin, NY

TRIVIA QUESTION

Aside from putting in for sale classifieds what else can you list. Call the office with an answer for a chance to win a free month's dues.

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's bulletin. If you have any questions, feel free to call the association. We are here to help you and your industry.

Regards,

Carla Obalde

Operations Manager



Service Station Dealers &
Automotive Services of Greater NY

2022 Emblem Medical Election Form



Full Name

Station Name

Effective Date

Home Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Home Phone Number

Fax Number

Plan Features	Plat. Premier P In-Network Only	Gold Premier P In-Network Only	Gold Premier S In-Network Only	Silver Premier P In-Network Only	Bronze Value S In-Network Only	Bronze Plus H.S.A In-Network Only
Deductible / Maximum Period	3/1 – 2/28	3/1 – 2/28	3/1 – 2/28	3/1 – 2/28	3/1 – 2/28	3/1 – 2/28
Network	Prime	Prime	SelectCare	Prime	SelectCare	Prime
PCP Selection & Referrals	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Part D Creditable	Creditable	Creditable	Creditable	Creditable	Non-Creditable	Creditable
Plan Year Deductibles (Indiv / Family)	\$0 / \$0	\$450 / \$900	\$450 / \$900	\$3,800 / \$7,600	\$8,550 / \$17,100	\$6,300 / \$12,600
Deductible Type	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded
Plan Year Out-of-Pocket Max (Indiv / Family)	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$6,000 / \$12,000	\$6,000 / \$12,000	\$8,000 / \$16,000	\$8,550 / \$17,100	\$6,900 / \$13,800
Maximum Type	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded
Primary Care Visit	\$0 first 3 Visits then \$15 Copay	\$0 first 3 Visits then \$25 Copay	\$0 first 3 Visits then \$25 Copay	\$0 first 3 Visits then \$35 Copay	\$0 first 3 visits then \$0 after Ded	50% after Ded
Specialist Visit	\$35 Copay	\$40 Copay	\$40 Copay	\$65 Copay	\$0 after Ded	50% after Ded
Diagnostic Lab in PCP Office	\$15 Copay	\$25 Copay	\$25 Copay	\$35 Copay	\$0 after Ded	50% after Ded
Diagnostic Lab in Specialist	\$35 Copay	\$40 Copay	\$40 Copay	\$65 Copay	\$0 after Ded	50% after Ded
X-Ray in PCP Office	\$15 Copay	\$25 after Ded	\$25 after Ded	\$35 after Ded	\$0 after Ded	50% after Ded
X-Ray in Specialist	\$35 Copay	\$40 after Ded	\$40 after Ded	\$65 after Ded		
Hospital Outpatient Surgery	\$250 Copay	\$350 after Ded	\$350 after Ded	\$350 after Ded	\$0 after Ded	50% after Ded
Hospital Inpatient Services	20% Co-insurance	30% Co-insurance after Ded	30% Co-insurance after Ded	40% Co-insurance after Ded	\$0 after Ded	
Emergency Room	\$400 Copay	\$800 after Ded	\$800 after Ded	40% Co-insurance after Ded	0% after Ded	50% after Ded
Prescription Drug Coverage						
Plan Year Deductible	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Combined with Med, Tier 2 & 3	Combined with Medical, all tiers
Retail	\$0 / \$30 / \$65	\$0 / \$40 / \$80	\$0 / \$40 / \$80	\$0 / \$40 / \$80	\$35 / \$0 / \$0	\$15 / \$65 / \$80
Mail Order	\$0 / \$75 / \$163	\$0 / \$100 / \$200	\$0 / \$100 / \$200	\$0 / \$100 / \$200	\$88 / \$0 / \$0	\$38 / \$163 / \$200
MONTHLY PREMIUM AND PLAN SELECTION						
Single	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,332.45	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,083.82	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001.60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$932.32	<input type="checkbox"/> \$711.73	<input type="checkbox"/> \$805.25
EE/Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,634.90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,137.64	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,973.20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,834.64	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,393.46	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,580.50
EE/Child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,244.17	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,821.49	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,681.72	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,563.94	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,188.94	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,347.93
Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,741.98	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,033.39	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,799.06	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,601.61	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,972.93	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,239.46

www.emblemhealth.com

- CVS/Target is NOT an EmblemHealth participating pharmacy.
- Please visit EmblemHealth at <https://www.emblemhealth.com/Members> to find in network providers.
- EmblemHealth transaction/enrollment form must be completed in addition to medical election form for any changes.

"By signing below, in order to avoid cancellation, I agree to pay all insurance premiums by the end of the billing month."

Signature

Date

Please return completed form via Secure Fax to:
(914) 962-0108. If you have any questions, please call (866) 573-4768 ext. 2481

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Department of Motor Vehicles

VEHICLE SAFETY & CLEAN AIR
6 EMPIRE STATE PLAZA – ALBANY, NY 12228

INSPECTION CERTIFICATE RETURN FORM

Please place this form and any unused stickers in a secure and durable shipping container (e.g., a cardboard box or reinforced envelope) and include the following information with your shipment:

Seven Digit DMV Facility Number: _ _ _ _ _

Inspection Station Name: _____

Inspection Station Address: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Reason for Return: _____

STICKER TYPE	YEAR	BEGINNING NUMBER	ENDING NUMBER	TOTAL STICKERS

United States Postal Service

Bureau of Consumer & Facility Services
Accounting Unit
PO Box 2700
Albany, NY 12220-0700

All Other Carriers

Vehicle Safety, Accounting Unit
6 Empire State Plaza, Room 220
Albany, NY 12228

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