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NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan

Effective April 1, 2022, more than 200,000 Medicare-eligible City of New York retirees will transition to the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus plan. This is an update to the originally communicated effective date of January 1, 2022.

The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus plan is a Medicare Advantage PPO group retiree offering through an alliance between Empire BlueCross BlueShield (Empire) and EmblemHealth. The plan allows retirees to visit any doctor nationally that accepts Medicare while ensuring the provider gets paid their negotiated contractual rate or 100% of the Medicare allowed rate if non-contracted (less any member copay).

Are you in-network?

If you are contracted with your local Blue plan's Medicare Advantage PPO network, you are already an in-network provider participating in this plan. You should continue to see your City of New York retiree patients and submit claims to your local Blue Cross Blue Shield plan.

Out-of-network?

No problem, you can see City of New York retirees and still get paid 100% of the Medicare allowed rate — no contract required:

- You can continue seeing our members as long as you are eligible to receive payments from Medicare.
- Your reimbursement is the same as under original Medicare.
- Our members are not required to obtain a referral before they see a provider.

What are the benefits of the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus plan?

You will notice easier administration with one integrated plan. You no longer need to submit claims to both original Medicare and the Medicare supplemental plan, and you will receive one payment for both Medicare covered and supplemental services.

How to submit claims: You should submit all claims to your local plan for processing:

1. **By mail:** Submit paper claims to your local Blue Cross Blue Shield plan.
2. **By electronic submission:** Submit electronically to your Blue Cross Blue Shield plan.

Please be sure to include:

- The amount the member paid. The member's copay amount will be noted on their ID card for commonly used services.
- The three-digit alpha prefix N6Y that precedes the member ID number listed on the front of their card.

Florida Blue Medicare is an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus plan is offered through an alliance between Empire BlueCross BlueShield Retiree Solutions and EmblemHealth. Empire and EmblemHealth have come together to create a new, customized, fully insured Group Medicare Advantage program for the City of New York.