

NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan **Update**

News and information for UFT retirees



Your prescription drug benefits will continue

The prescription drug benefits of Medicare-eligible UFT retirees currently in an EmblemHealth plan will not change when the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus plan takes effect on April 1.

New York City and the Municipal Labor Committee sent a letter about prescription drug benefits dated Jan. 21 to the more than 250,000 Medicare-eligible municipal retirees, including UFT retirees. The letter largely does not apply to UFT retirees.

Medicare-eligible UFT retirees get their prescription drug coverage by purchasing an optional rider through their NYC health plan. If you have an optional rider now through your NYC health plan, you will automatically be enrolled in the optional rider with the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus plan. You do not need to take any action.

This [version of the MLC letter](#) highlights in yellow the only two sections that are pertinent to UFT retirees.



Misinformation about Memorial Sloan Kettering

Contrary to the suggestion in a recent article in a New York City tabloid, the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus plan is absolutely accepted and contracted with Memorial Sloan Kettering. Unlike most Medicare Advantage plans, which are HMOs, this new plan is a preferred provider organization (PPO), which affords much greater access to providers and facilities.

In the [insurance information section of the MSK website](#), the hospital confirms that the plan will be accepted: “However, effective 4/1/22, most of the Empire BCBS Medicare Advantage plans, including the NYC retiree Plus plan, will be in-network with MSK.”

The spreading of misinformation by the new plan’s opponents has got to stop. Our retirees are getting hurt.



Plan Spotlight

24/7 NurseLine

When health issues arise after hours, and the doctor's office is closed, retirees in the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan will still be able to obtain the answers they need — right away. The 24/7 NurseLine will put retirees in touch with a registered nurse any time of the day or night.



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