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Dear UFT retiree,

If you are a Medicare-eligible retiree covered by any New York City Medicare health plan, you will be automatically enrolled in the new NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan as of Jan. 1, 2022.

If you prefer to remain in your current health care plan, you have until Oct. 31 to opt out of the new plan. You will be responsible for the full premium difference between the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan and your selected plan's cost.

The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan replaces both traditional Medicare and a Medicare supplement plan with a single integrated program administered by an alliance between Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield and EmblemHealth. Under the new plan, you will continue to have premium-free access to the same doctors and hospitals that are presently in the GHI/Empire BlueCross BlueShield Senior Care program. You will have the freedom to see any Medicare-participating doctor or provider in the nation. The plan covers New York City municipal retirees residing in all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

Check out the comprehensive information about the plan posted in the RTC section of the UFT website at www.uft.org/chapters/retired-teachers-chapter. A special phone line has been established by the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan at **833-325-1190** to answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Mulgrew, UFT President
Tom Murphy, Retired Teachers Chapter Leader
Geof Sorkin, UFT Welfare Fund Executive Director

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