Dear City of New York Retiree,

Based on negotiations with the City of New York Office of Labor Relations and the city’s unions, represented by the Municipal Labor Committee, the following changes to your GHI/Empire BlueCross BlueShield Senior Care plan will take effect Jan. 1, 2022:

After you have met your annual $233 Medicare Part B deductible and $50 Senior Care deductible, some services will also have a $15 copay. Your copay is the set dollar amount you pay for health services each time you use them. Below is a list of commonly used services that will have a copay.

- Primary care provider (PCP) visits
- Specialist visits
- X-rays
- Laboratory tests
- Allergy testing/injections
- Chiropractic services (Medicare covered)
- Podiatry (Medicare covered)
- Mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Urgent care
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Cardiac rehabilitation services
- Pulmonary rehabilitation services
- Complex diagnostic test and radiology
- Radiation therapy
- Vision care (Medicare covered)

While this is not a full list of services with a copay, we’ve included the most commonly used services for your convenience.

Your Medicare Part A hospitalization coverage will continue to be covered by Medicare and Empire BlueCross BlueShield. For questions, including questions about specific services, please call the Customer Service phone number on your member ID card.

Thank you for being an EmblemHealth member. We’re committed to supporting you.

Sincerely,

George Babitsch
Senior Vice President, Account Management