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TO: MUNICIPAL LABOR COMMITTEE
FROM: HARRY NESPOLI, CHAIR
RE: EMPIRE- BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD

Last week the computer servers of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield were hacked in nationwide. Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield has indicated that probably taken was the following information of members: name, address, and social security number. Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield is in the process of notifying those impacted.

Posted on the City's website is the enclosed information. It contains an Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield phone number that members can call.

We will keep you informed of any additional information.

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(required to view PDFs)**Welcome to the New York City Health Benefits Program**

This Summary Program Description (SPD) provides you with a summary of your health benefits under the New York City Health Benefits Program. It includes general program information concerning your benefits and responsibilities as well as important details that you must know about eligibility, enrollment and health plans available to employees and retirees.

You can print the entire Summary Program Description Booklet or a specific section you are interested in.

Cyber-Attack Impacting Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield

Anthem, Inc., the parent company of Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, one of the City's health insurance providers, was the victim of a highly-sophisticated cyber-attack. Anthem has informed us that its member data was accessed, and could include that of City employees. Anthem has created a website - www.anthemfacts.com, and a hotline, 1-877-263-7995, for its members to call for more information about the cyber-attack.

Important Notice to Retirees

We wish to advise you that, if you recently made a change in your health coverage, your new health plan went into effect as of January 1, 2015. However, the premiums that were deducted from your pension check in January do not reflect your new coverage. Your February pension check will reflect the correct premium deduction. You will be reimbursed if you are entitled to a refund.

Below are links to other important information related to your health benefits.

- [Health Benefits Application \(Not for use by NYCAPS Agencies\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions - Retiree Benefits](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions - Medicare Part B Reimbursement](#)
- [2011 IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement \(Instructions & Form\)](#)
- [2012 IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement \(Instructions & Form\)](#)
- [2013 IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement \(Instructions & Form\)](#)
- [COBRA Form, Notice of Rights and COBRA Rates](#)
- [Retiree Change of Address Form \(PDF\)](#)
- [Notice - Early Retiree Reinsurance Program](#)
- [Young Adult Option Through Age 29 \(NYS Law Chapter 240\)](#)
- [New York State Marriage Equality Act](#)
- [Domestic Partner Enrollment Information](#)
- [Creditable Coverage Notice \(Employees Age 65 or Over\)](#)
- [Form 1054 \(For Use By Authorized Personnel Only\)](#)
- [Health Insurance Marketplace \(Exchange\) Notice](#)