# **Benefits**



# Annual Notices to Retirees, Surviving Spouses\Dependents

# **Protecting Your Privacy**

NYPA is committed to protecting your privacy. Your health information is kept private and confidential in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Federal privacy regulations protect patient rights and define certain obligations for health plans in order to safeguard Protected Health Information or PHI. PHI means all individually identifiable health information transmitted or maintained by the medical, dental and, whether in oral, written, or electronic form.

For a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, contact the HR Services Hotline at 914-287-3114.

## **CHIPRA Notice**

A state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) generally provides health insurance for children whose families cannot afford private health care but do not qualify for Medicaid. The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) expanded CHIP coverage by providing additional special enrollment rights related to group health plan coverage. CHIPRA also permits states to offer eligible low-income children and their families a premium assistance subsidy to help pay for employer-sponsored group health coverage, and imposes notice and disclosure obligations for employers that maintain group health plans. Information about CHIPRA is attached.

# Women's Health and Cancer Rights Notice

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for: (1) all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed; (2) surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; (3) prostheses; and (4) treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same copays, deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under the NYPA provided medical plans (NYPA Plan, PPO Plan, Choice Plan and the NYPA-provided HMOs.) If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, please call the Customer Service number on your health plan ID card or call the HR Services Hotline at 914-287-3114.

#### **Newborn & Mothers Health Protection Act**

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

## **Patient Protection Disclosure**

If you are enrolled in an insured HMO, the plan generally requires the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the HMO network and who is available to accept you or your family members. Until you make this designation, the HMO designates one for you. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact the HMO Customer Service Center on your ID card.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. You do not need prior authorization from the HMO or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in the HMO network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the HMO Customer Service Center listed on your ID card.

# Notice of Creditable Coverage - Medicare Part D Eligible Individuals

This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with the New York Power Authority and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan.

The prescription drug coverage offered under the NYPA Plan, PPO Plan, Choice Plan, and NYPA-provided HMOs, have been determined to be "creditable" coverage. Creditable coverage is defined as a prescription drug benefit that has an actuarial value as good as or better than the standard Part D drug benefit. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is attached.

# **Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the**

# **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS NOW or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2020. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Health First Colorado Website:  https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442
ALASKA – Medicaid	FLORIDA – Medicaid
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.asp">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.asp</a>	

CALIFORNIA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
Website:	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64
https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_	Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/
<u>cont.aspx</u>	Phone: 1-877-438-4479
Phone: 916-440-5676	All other Medicaid
	Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a>
	Phone 1-800-457-4584
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https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members	http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366	Phone: 1-800-694-3084
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http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki	
Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563	
KANSAS – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/default.htm	Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov
Phone: 1-800-792-4884	Phone: 1-855-632-7633
	Lincoln: 402-473-7000
	Omaha: 402-595-1178
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium	Medicaid Website: <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a>
Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website:	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.asp	
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Phone: 1-855-459-6328	
Email: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov	
KCHIP Website:	
https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx	
Phone: 1-877-524-4718	
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Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov	
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Phone: 1-800-657-373

MISSOURI – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp. htm Phone: 573-751-2005	Website: <a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a> Phone: 1-844-854-4825
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a> CHIP Website: <a href="https://health.utah.gov/chip">https://health.utah.gov/chip</a> Phone: 1-877-543-7669
OREGON – Medicaid	VERMONT– Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html">http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html</a> <a href="Phone: 1-800-699-9075">Phone: 1-800-699-9075</a>	Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/">https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/</a> <a href="Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx">Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx</a> <a href="Phone: 1-800-692-7462">Phone: 1-800-692-7462</a>	Website: https://www.coverva.org/hipp/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)	Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a> Phone: 1-800-362-3002
TEXAS – Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: http://gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Website: https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs- and-eligibility/ Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2020, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services www.cms.hhs.gov 1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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# 2021 NYPA Creditable Coverage Notice – Retirees, Surviving Spouses\Dependents

(Does not apply to participants covered by NYPA's Express Scripts Medicare PDP)

# Important Notice from New York Power Authority About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

New York Power Authority is sending you this notice because you have a medical plan that includes benefits for prescription drugs.

If you qualify for Medicare, please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about prescription drug coverage with New York Power Authority and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

# If you are not Medicare eligible, and none of your covered family members are Medicare eligible, no action is required on your part.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

- 1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
- 2. New York Power Authority has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the "NYPA Plan\* is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

\*New York Power Authority provides prescription drug coverage to you and your covered dependents. The prescription drug coverage you have through either the NYPA Plan, PPO Plan, Choice Plan, or a NYPA-provided HMO will be referred to as the "NYPA Plan" in this notice.

To remain in the NYPA Plan drug plan, **you do not have to do anything.**Just continue using your NYPA Plan prescription drug benefits.

#### When Can You Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare Drug Plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What Happens to Your Current Coverage if You Decide to Join a Medicare Drug Plan? If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current New York Power Authority coverage will be affected.

The **NYPA Plan** prescription drug benefits, in most cases, gives you better coverage and lower out-of-pocket costs than the coverage offered under a Medicare prescription drug plan. Therefore, it is not necessary for you to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan. If you do join a Medicare prescription drug plan, there will be changes in your

NYPA Plan prescription drug coverage and the way you receive prescription drug benefits. This section lists key points about Medicare prescription drug coverage and your NYPA Plan benefits. Please read of all this information carefully.

- The NYPA Plan does not require that you join a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- Most NYPA Plan enrollees and covered dependents should **NOT** join a Medicare prescription drug plan for 2021.
- As a NYPA Plan enrollee or covered dependent eligible for Medicare, you should consider joining a Medicare
  prescription drug plan ONLY if you are eligible for extra help provided by the Medicare Part D Low Income
  Subsidy.
- As a NYPA Plan enrollee or covered dependent eligible for Medicare in 2021 you will continue to receive the
  full prescription drug benefits available to you under the NYPA Plan if you do not enroll in a Medicare
  prescription drug plan.
- If you choose to join a Medicare drug plan, the Medicare prescription drug plan will pay for your prescription drugs.
- If you choose to join a Medicare prescription drug plan, NYPA will NOT reimburse you for the monthly premium for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare prescription drug plan and drop your New York Power Authority prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back until the next open enrollment period.

## When Will You Pay a Higher Premium (Penalty) to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

You should know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with New York Power Authority and do not join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium will go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be HR Services Hotline at **914-287-3114**. **NOTE:** You will receive this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through New York Power Authority changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You will get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare prescription drug plans. For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit www.medicare.gov
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security online at <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov">www.socialsecurity.gov</a> or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage Notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date: 08/07/2020

Name: New York Power Authority

Contact: HR Services

Address: 123 Main Street, White Plains, NY 10601

**Phone Number:** 914-287-3114

