



**New York City
Office of Labor Relations
Health Benefits Program**
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Date: August 2023
To: All Employees
Subject: Health Benefits Program Rate Changes

I) Health Plan Rates Effective September 1, 2023

Enclosed please find the Health Benefits Program rate chart effective for the first full pay period in September 2023. Basic coverage is available at no cost to the subscriber under certain plans, while other plans require a payroll deduction. Please review the deductions on your check in the first full payroll period in September to ensure that it matches with the September 2023 rate changes.

Please be advised that these rates are subject to change. In the event of a rate change, your payroll deduction may either decrease or increase. Notice of any rate changes will be available through the Health Benefits Program website at nyc.gov/hbp.

II) Fall Transfer Period (November 2023)

This year, the annual transfer period will be held in November for active employees. During that period, employees can:

- Transfer to another health plan
- Add or drop an optional rider
- Add or drop dependents
- Change health premium contribution tax status
- Elect the Health Benefits Buy-Out Waiver Program

Any changes made during the Fall Transfer Period will become effective on the first day of the first full payroll period in January 2024.

III) Updating Your Personal Information

You may update the below information through Employee Self-Service or by contacting your Agency personnel department. Please also notify your Welfare Fund/Union separately.

- Address update
- Marital status update
- Domestic partner status update

IV) Special Reminder to Medicare-Eligible Employees and Dependents (this does not apply to over age 65 domestic partners of employees)

Federal law requires the City of New York to offer employees over age 65 the same coverage under the same conditions as those that are offered to employees under age 65. The same stipulation also applies to dependents over age 65 and those covered by Medicare through the Special Provisions of the Social Security Act for the Disabled. In such cases, enrollment in a City health plan is primary coverage, and Medicare, if applicable, becomes secondary coverage. Make sure that you and your dependents, if enrolled in your coverage, inform all health care providers that your City health coverage is your and your dependent(s) primary coverage. If you and/or your dependent(s) are Medicare-eligible and want Medicare to be your primary coverage, you must waive your City health coverage.