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TO: NYSCOPBA Members
Southern Region and Mid-Hudson Region

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

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RE: Westchester Medical Center Health Network's Participation in
The Empire Plan Provider Network Expired June 1, 2019

As you should be aware, contract negotiations have been held between the Westchester Medical Center Health Network and Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Unfortunately, those negotiations have been unsuccessful. Therefore, effective June 1st, services at the following hospitals are processed out-of-network:

Westchester Medical Center
Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital
Bon Secours/Good Samaritan Hospital
Bon Secours/Mercy Community Hospital
Bon Secours/St. Anthony's Hospital.

The following services are the **only** ones which will be paid as in-network:

- Cases of emergency
- If no in-network hospital exists that can provide the services required
- If a network hospital is not available within a 30-mile radius from member's home
- For continuation of care for pregnancy or health risk
- For any services that were previously preauthorized

Covered services (other than those above) shall be reimbursed at 90 percent of charges and the member will be responsible for the additional 10 percent of the billed charges up to the annual coinsurance maximum amount. The current annual coinsurance maximum amount is \$3,750 for enrollee, \$3,750 for enrolled spouse/domestic partner and \$3,750 for all dependent children combined for non-network hospital services. For members in titles equated to salary grade level six or below, the coinsurance maximum is \$1,875.

Below are alternative, in-network hospitals:

Benedictine Hospital in Kingston, NY
Calvary Hospital in Bronx, NY
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Harris, in Harris, NY
Ellenville Regional Hospital in Ellenville, NY
Elmhurst Hospital in Elmhurst, NY
Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, NJ
Flushing Hospital Med Center in Flushing, NY
Glen Cove Hospital, in Glen Cove, NY
Harlem Hospital in New York, NY
Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility in New York, NY
Jacobi Medical Center in Bronx, NY
Kingston Hospital in Kingston, NY
Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, NY
Lincoln Hospital in Bronx, NY
Margaretville Hospital in Margaretville, NY
Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York, NY
Metropolitan Hospital in New York, NY
Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, NY
Montefiore Medical Center, Westchester Square in Bronx, NY
New York Presbyterian in New York, NY
NY Presbyterian – Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, NY
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, NJ
North Central Bronx in Bronx, NY
North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, NY
NY Presbyterian – Queens in Flushing, NY
NYU Winthrop in Mineola, NY
Presbyterian Allen Hospital in New York, NY
St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, NY
St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, NY
St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson, NJ
St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, NJ
Syosset Hospital – North Shore University in Syosset, NY
The Stamford Hospital in Stamford, CT
Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY

Members currently receiving services from a WMC hospital or who are scheduled for treatment at one of the hospitals should contact Empire BlueCross BlueShield toll free at 1-800-495-9323 (Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm). Customer service representatives will be happy to answer any questions you may have, as well assist you in selecting a hospital that is in-network.

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Should the status of this network change and return in-network, we will notify you.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board
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