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TO: NYSCOPBA Chief Sector Stewards  
Southern Region and Mid-Hudson Region

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

DATE: April 23, 2021

RE: Empire BlueCross Negotiations With the New York Presbyterian Health System (NY Presbyterian) Unsuccessful To Date

NYSCOPBA has been notified that negotiations between Empire BlueCross and the New York Presbyterian Health System have been unsuccessful to date. Unless a contract agreement is reached, the System will be considered out-of-network for services rendered on or after June 1, 2021. The participating hospitals in this System are as follows:

Gracie Square Hospital  
New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital  
New York Presbyterian Hospital Allen Hospital  
New York Presbyterian Hospital Columbia  
New York Presbyterian Hospital Lower Manhattan  
New York Presbyterian Hospital Payne Whitney  
New York Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell Medical Center  
New York Presbyterian Hospital Westchester Division  
New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital  
New York Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital  
New York Presbyterian Queens  
Silvercrest

The following services are the **only** ones which will be paid in-network June 1st and beyond:

- 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

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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 members in titles equated to salary grade level six or below, the coinsurance maximum is \$1,875.

Below are alternative, in-network hospitals:

- Lenox Hill Medical Center
- New York University Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Hospital for Special Surgery
- Maimonides Medical Center
- NYU Lutheran Medical Center
- HHC Bellevue Hospital
- Montefiore Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Hospital of Queens
- New York Community Hospital of Brooklyn
- Mount Sinai Brooklyn

Empire BlueCross will be notifying members by letter on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, providing all information pertaining to eventual non-network status.

I will keep you informed of the ongoing negotiations as I get updates.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board  
NYSCOPBA Jt. Committee of Health Benefits