

**Instructions for completing a Health Benefits Application  
(For Employees)  
(Please print all information clearly using a black or blue ballpoint pen)**

Check the EMPLOYEE box at the top of the form.

**Sections A, B & C:** Check off the reason for submission of this form.

Employees may only transfer plans during a *transfer period* or upon a change of residence *outside/inside of the service area of the health plan*. Documentation verifying *spouse or domestic partner and dependent children* must be submitted for all new enrollments and addition of dependents. Obtain a domestic partner instruction sheet from your personnel office or the Office of Labor Relations if you wish to include a domestic partner on your medical coverage.

If you are adding or dropping a dependent or changing plans, this form should be submitted within 31 days of the qualifying event.

**Section D:** If you are enrolled in a health plan other than your City coverage, you must indicate so and include the name and policy number of the plan.

**Section E:** If you are married or have a domestic partner, this section must be completed whether or not you are covering your spouse/domestic partner. If your spouse/domestic partner is enrolled in a health plan other than your City coverage, you must indicate so including the name and policy number of the other plan.

**Section F:** List ALL dependents to be covered. You must indicate yes/no if a dependent is a full-time student or if a dependent is permanently disabled.

**Section G:** Write the complete name of the health plan you are selecting or your current plan (see back of this sheet) if you are adding or dropping a dependent or optional rider. If you do not make an optional rider selection, you will be given basic coverage only.

**Section I:** Complete this section only if you are electing the Waiver Buy Out. A Medical Spending Conversion application must also be completed. Contact your personnel/payroll office for information about the Waiver Buy Out Program.

**Section J:** Your personnel/payroll office must complete this section.

**Employees: Return this application to your Agency Benefits Representative, Personnel or Payroll Officer.**

**Instructions for completing a Health Benefits Application  
(For Retirees)  
(Please print all information clearly using a black or blue ballpoint pen)**

Check the RETIREE box at the top of the form.

**Section A:** If you are a NEW retiree, you should only select from the following: *Retirement, Disability Retirement, Accident Disability Retirement, Deferred Retirement or Waive Benefits*. If you are already covered as a retiree, you should only select from the following: *Drop/Add Optional Benefits, Waive Benefits* (if you wish to cancel your City coverage) and *Reinstatement* (if you are requesting to reinstate your City coverage after having previously Waived coverage).

**Section B:** Check *Transfer Period* if the change you are requesting is being made during a Transfer Period (such as Adding Optional Benefits or Changing Plans). Check *Permanent Move Into/Out of Health Plan Area* if you are requesting to change plans as a result of either moving out of the service area of your current plan, or if you are moving into the service area of another plan. Check *Retiree Once in a Lifetime* if you are requesting to change plans or add optional benefits anytime other than a transfer period.

**Section C:** Check *Spouse Information (Add/Drop)* if you are adding or dropping a spouse. If your spouse/domestic partner is deceased, you must attach a copy of a death certificate. If you are dropping your spouse as a result of a divorce, you must attach a copy of the divorce decree. If you are adding a spouse, you must attach a copy of the marriage certificate or submit domestic partner documentation if adding a domestic partner. Check *Dependent (Children) (Add/Drop)* if you are adding or dropping a dependent child. If you are adding a dependent child, you must attach a copy of either the birth certificate, or documents proving guardianship or adoption.

**Section D:** If you are enrolled in Medicare Parts A&B, you must attach a photocopy of your Medicare card. If you are enrolled in another health plan other than your City coverage or Medicare, you must indicate so including the name and policy number of the plan.

**Section E:** If you are married or have a domestic partner, this section must be completed whether or not you are covering your spouse/domestic partner. If your spouse/domestic partner is enrolled in health plan other than your City coverage or Medicare, you must indicate so including the name and policy number of the plan. If your spouse/domestic partner is enrolled in Medicare Parts A&B, you must attach a photocopy of his/her Medicare card.

**Section F:** List ALL dependents to be covered. You must indicate yes/no if a dependent is a full-time student. If a dependent is permanently disabled, and on Medicare, you must attach a photocopy of his/her Medicare card.

**Section G:** Write the complete name of your current health plan or the plan you are selecting (see back of sheet). If you do not make an optional rider selection, you will be given basic coverage only.

**Section H:** This is the only section in which you are to sign the form. Remember to date your form.

**Section J:** If you are a NEW retiree (even if you are waiving City coverage), your payroll/personnel office must complete this section.

**Retirees: Return this application to:** City of New York  
Health Benefits Program  
40 Rector Street – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10006

## Health Plans Available to Employees, Non-Medicare Retirees and their Dependents

Aetna U.S. Healthcare HMO  
Aetna U.S. Healthcare Quality Point of Service  
CIGNA HealthCare  
DC 37 Med-Team/Choice (DC 37 members Only)  
Empire HMO  
Empire EPO  
GHI-CBP/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield  
GHI HMO  
HIP Prime HMO  
HIP Prime POS  
MetroPlus Health Plan (HHC Employees and Non-Medicare Retirees Only)  
PHS Health Plans  
Vytra Health Plans

**RESTRICTIONS:** Some health plans are only available in certain states and counties. Please check the 2001 Summary Program Description booklet for service area restrictions or call the health plan directly.

## Health Plans Available to Medicare Eligible Retirees and their Dependents

Aetna U.S. Healthcare Golden Medicare 5 Plan*	Empire Medicare Supplement
AvMed Medicare Plan*	GHI/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield Senior Care
BlueChoice Senior Plan*	GHI HMO
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida Health Options, Inc.*	HIP VIP Premier Medicare Plan*
CIGNA HealthCare for Seniors*	Oxford Medicare Advantage*
DC 37 Med-Team Medicare Supplement (DC 37 members Only)	PHS Health Plans SmartChoice*
Elderplan, Inc.*	PHS MedPrime

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**\*Medicare eligible retirees who wish to enroll in these plans must enroll DIRECTLY with the health plan. Please verify with the health plan of your choice whether or not you reside in its service area. Do not use this form for enrollment in these plans.**

Applicant MUST check one:

EMPLOYEE
RETIREE

HEALTH BENEFITS APPLICATION



CITY OF NEW YORK HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

REASON(S) FOR SUBMISSION (Check one or more boxes: enter change date if appropriate)

Reasons for submission including: A. New Enrollment, B. Transfer of Health Plan, C. Change Of: Spouse/Domestic Partner, D. Employee/Retiree Information.

D. EMPLOYEE/RETIREE INFORMATION: Last Name, First Name, M.I., Social Security Number, Tel. No., Work Home, Home Address, City, State, Zip Code, Country, Marital Status, Agency in which Employed or Retired From, Retirement System, etc.

E. SPOUSE/DOMESTIC PARTNER INFORMATION: Last Name, First Name, M.I., Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Is your spouse/partner employed/retired, etc.

F. FAMILY INFORMATION (Attach a second form if necessary; dependents may not be covered under two NYC plans.)

Table for family members with columns: Name, Birth Date, Social Security Number, Sex, Check if Applicable (Full-Time Student, Permanently Disabled, Drop Coverage), Name & Number of Medical Group or Primary Care Physician.

G. HEALTH PLAN REQUESTED

HEALTH PLAN NAME IN FULL: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Print

OPTIONAL BENEFITS? (Check "Yes" or "No" for optional benefits rider. If no box is checked, it will be presumed you do not want optional benefits.)

H. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM - PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW (PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN EITHER SECTION H OR I)

I certify that the above information is correct and I authorize the City to deduct from my salary/pension the amount required, if any, through the City Health Benefits Program. I understand that the City Program's benefits will be coordinated with those available through Medicare or any other source.

If I have checked the Waive Benefits box in Section A, I am choosing not to participate in the City Health Benefits Program at this time.

I. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH BENEFITS BUY-OUT WAIVER PROGRAM - PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW (SIGN EITHER SECTION H OR I)

I wish to participate in the Health Benefits Buy-Out Waiver Program. I have read the Medical Spending Conversion Health Benefits Buy-Out Waiver Program brochure and completed a Medical Spending Conversion Form and I attest that I meet the qualifications for this program. (Retirees not eligible.)

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

J. FOR COMPLETION BY PAYROLL OR PERSONNEL ONLY

I certify that the above employee/retiree is eligible for the New York City Health Benefits Program (HBP) and that dependent documentation has been verified in accordance with HBP procedures.

I certify that the above employee is eligible for the Health Benefits Buy-Out Waiver Program and I have reviewed and processed the Medical Spending Conversion Form and I attest that the employee meets the qualifications for this program.

Table for payroll/personnel completion with columns: Agency Code, Title Code No., Status, Appt Date/Ret. Date, Job Seq. No., Present Health Code, Pay Period, Effective Date, Waiver Effective Date.