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**GHI/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield (EBCBS) Senior Care Program Subsidy Benefit**

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## N. The GHI/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield (EBCBS) Senior Care Subsidy Benefit

### OVERVIEW



The GHI/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield (EBCBS) Senior Care Program Subsidy Benefit is a payment made by MBF directly to the Health Benefits Program on behalf of retired Fund members and their spouses/domestic partners covered under a Medicare Supplemental Plan offered by the City.

### ELIGIBILITY

Fund members and their spouses/domestic partners who satisfy the Fund's eligibility and enrollment requirements, as outlined in the "Fund Eligibility and Membership" section of this booklet and are enrolled in a Medicare supplemental plan offered by the City with the optional rider (prescription drug coverage), are eligible for this benefit under the GHI/EBCBS Senior Care Program or Empire Medicare-Related Program Subsidy Benefit.

### ELIGIBLE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS

The New York City Employee Health Benefits Program publishes a Summary Program Description (SPD) that provides detailed information about the Medicare supplemental plans:

- GHI/EBCBS Senior Care Program, and
- Empire Medicare-Related Program

### BENEFITS

The Fund pays a \$50.00 per person per month subsidy (\$100.00 maximum) directly to the health plan on behalf of Retired members and their spouses/domestic partners who are covered under a Medicare Supplemental Plan.

Please Note: The The GHI/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield (EBCBS) Senior Care Program Subsidy Benefit is only available to Medicare-eligible members and/or their Medicare-eligible spouses/domestic partners. Charges for optional riders for a non-Medicare-eligible person or for charges other than prescription drugs will not be subsidized by the Fund and are the responsibility of the member.

### PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING BENEFITS

This benefit provides those eligible members insured through one of the above Medicare Supplemental Plans with a \$50.00 per person (\$100.00 maximum) monthly subsidy. This subsidy is automatically reflected in the member's pension check according to the member's coverage status and effective as of the coverage begin date.



