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November 4, 2019

Dear East End Health Plan Member:

As you are aware, all our Medicare Primary members will be enrolled in the East End Health Plan Medicare Advantage Plan effective January 1, 2020.

As indicated in our previous notices regarding this transition, I would like to emphasize that our Medicare Advantage Plan has been customized so it provides the same coverage that our members currently receive. We do this by combining the Medicare primary portion of coverage, our EEHP secondary coverage and our Prescription Drug coverage all under one Primary Coverage Plan. This Primary Coverage Plan will be administered by Empire BlueCross/BlueShield under their MediBlue PPO plan. It provides the same benefit coverage as you currently receive.

The critical points that our Medicare Primary members need to be aware of are:

- 1. You can still see your current providers.
- 2. You don't have to be concerned with in-network or out-of-network providers. As long as your Providers participate in Medicare and submit the claim directly to BlueCross/BlueShield, they are covered.
- 3. There will be zero co-pay for medical services.
- 4. There will be zero out-of-pocket costs.
- 5. The Prescription Drug co-pay structure will not change. The majority of our members will see no change or a reduction in their Prescription Drug co-pays.
- 6. You will continue to be reimbursed by your School District for your Medicare Part B premiums.

In case you missed our regional meetings in October, we have scheduled additional meetings for November and December (see Page 2). Please feel free, even though you may have attended an October meeting, to join us on any of the below dates and locations. All meetings will begin at 3 p.m. and will end at approximately 5 p.m.

For the members that reside out of the area or cannot attend one of these meetings and have questions, I would suggest that you contact the Empire Welcome Center at **833-848-8729** Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, except holidays. TTY users should call 711. If you prefer, you can contact the East End Health Plan office at 631-687-3140 or e-mail fperry@eehp.org with your questions and/or concerns.

Additional Meetings - November 2019

November 19, 2019

Westhampton Beach School District High School Large Group Instruction Room 49 Lilac Road Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

November 20, 2019

Southold School District High School Library 420 Oaklawn Avenue Southold, NY 11971

November 21, 2019

Southampton School District High School Auditorium 141 Narrow Lane Southampton, NY 11968

November 22, 2019

Harry B. Ward Technical Center Building # 5 970 North Griffing Avenue Riverhead, NY 11901

Additional Meetings - December 2019

December 3, 2019

Westhampton Beach School District High School Large Group Instruction Room 49 Lilac Road Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

December 11, 2019

Southold School District High School Auditorium 420 Oaklawn Avenue Southold, NY 11971

December 13, 2019

Harry B. Ward Center Building # 5 970 North Griffing Avenue Riverhead, NY 11901

December 16, 2019

Southampton School District High School Auditorium 141 Narrow Lane Southampton, NY 11968

Sincerely,

Frank Perry, Operations Administrator

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c. School District Health Plan Coordinator