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The Value of the East End Health Plan Compared to NYSHIP

Why Is The East End Health Plan of Value to Our Members When Compared to NYSHIP (The Empire Plan)

Benefit Differences – Active (Non-Medicare Population)

- ◇ The Out-of-Network Deductibles (\$1,000 for EEHP vs. \$1,250 for NYSHIP) and Out-of-Pocket Maximums (\$3,000 for EEHP vs. \$3,750 for NYSHIP) under the EEHP are less than those of NYSHIP.
- ◇ The EEHP Outpatient Hospital Co-Pay is only \$50 as compared to the NYSHIP Co-Pay of \$95.
- ◇ The Emergency Room Co-Pay is only \$75 as compared to the NYSHIP Co-Pay of \$95.
- ◇ There is no Co-Pay when EEHP members use in-network laboratories as opposed to the \$50 Co-Pay under NYSHIP.
- ◇ The Retail Rx Drug Co-Pays under the EEHP are \$25 for preferred brand names and \$45 for non-preferred brand names while NYSHIP Co-Pays are \$30 for preferred brand names and \$60 for non-preferred brand.
- ◇ The Mail Order Rx Drug Co-Pays under the EEHP are \$50 for preferred brand names and \$90 for non-preferred brand names while NYSHIP Co-Pays are \$55 for preferred brand names and \$110 for non-preferred brand.
- ◇ There are less Prior Authorizations required under the EEHP. NYSHIP takes a more managed plan approach in administering the Plan.
- ◇ The EEHP Plan has a Specialty Drug Program that works in the background to minimize the Co-Payments paid by our members for these expensive drugs so they will not cost more than a \$45 Co-Payment.
- ◇ The EEHP provides an annual Gym Membership reimbursement program up to \$400.
- The EEHP has a comprehensive Vision Plan administered by Davis Vision that includes Eye Exams, Glasses, Frames, Lenses and Contact Lenses.
- The EEHP in conjunction with Anthem BCBS has a comprehensive provider network that has a specific focus on maintaining a wide-ranging network on the East End of Long Island.

EEHP Medicare Advantage Plan (Retirees 65 and older)

- Zero co-pay for Office Visit, Specialist Visit, Emergency Room Visit, Preventive Care Visit.
- Allows for a 90 Day supply of medications at the local retail Pharmacy at the mail order Co-Pay.



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- Provides a select list of maintenance medications at a zero Co-Pay.
- The EEHP's Medicare Advantage Program includes unique services such as:
 - ◊ Free membership in the Silver Sneakers Program.
 - ◊ A Free Meals Delivery Program (56 Standard Meals) available for post inpatient discharge or chronic conditions.
 - ◊ The Blue Vision Program for eye exams and eyewear as an option to supplement the full Davis Vision Plan.
 - ◊ A Preferred Diabetic Supplies Program.
 - ◊ In-Network Hearing Aid coverage.
 - ◊ Routine Footcare (12 visits per year) including nail clipping.
 - ◊ A Custom Foot Orthotics Plan covering foot orthotics including orthopedic shoes maximum \$275 every calendar year.
 - ◊ Medically Necessary Wigs.
 - ◊ Personal Home Helper Program for assistance with home based chores and daily living activities.
 - ◊ Care Coordination/Case Management.
 - ◊ Healthy Meals Program.
 - ◊ Virtual Doctor Visits with zero Co-Pay (Live Health Online).
 - ◊ Additional chiropractic services not by Original Medicare.
- The EEHP provides districts and enrollees with supplemental wellness benefits including Annual Flu Shot Clinics.
- The EEHP provides members with a Flex Benefits Plan removing the administrative responsibility from the school districts.
- The EEHP offers a Discounted Dental Option for those retirees that are not offered dental coverage into retirement.
- The EEHP is locally managed and controlled and has been providing members with benefits and Services since 1990.
- The EEHP is governed by a 12 member Board of Trustees comprised of employee and employer representatives of the participating districts as opposed to NYSHIP being controlled

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by Albany Bureaucrats and being subject to the benefits that are negotiated through the CSEA Contract in Albany.

- Any Prior Authorizations and Claim Appeals are ultimately decided by the EEHP Board of Trustees.
- The EEHP provides Administrative Support Services to the districts that includes assistance with billing and the direct billing for retirees and COBRA enrollees.
- Members have access to the Operations Administrator of the EEHP which results in a dedicated, personalized level of member service.

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