

Dear

My name is _____ and I have been retired for _____ years. I am writing as a member of the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees to urge you to take immediate action to protect retired public servants from being forced into a Medicare Advantage plan or burdened with new out-of-pocket costs for basic medical care.

After decades of service to New York City, retirees were promised stable, reliable healthcare in retirement. Shifting us into a Medicare Advantage plan puts that promise at risk. These plans restrict provider access, require prior authorizations, and delay and deny necessary care. That is not acceptable for a population that depends on consistent and timely medical treatment.

Equally concerning is the prospect of requiring copays for doctor visits. Retirees are living on fixed incomes that do not adjust to rising healthcare costs never mind inflation. Even modest copays quickly add up, forcing many to make difficult choices between medical care and basic living expenses. That is a position no retired public servant should be placed in after a lifetime of work.

We are asking you to stand firmly with retirees by:

- Opposing any effort to move NYC Retirees into a Medicare Advantage plan
- Preserving traditional Medicare with supplemental coverage
- Rejecting the imposition of new copays or additional healthcare costs for retirees

This is about honoring commitments and protecting the people who helped build and sustain this city. We are counting on your leadership to ensure that retirees are not treated as a budget line item to be reduced, but as individuals deserving of dignity, stability, and proper care.

I urge you to take a clear public position and act to protect retiree healthcare.

Sincerely,

A Retired NYC Municipal employee
Member, NYC Organization of Public Service
Retirees