

# Update: The NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan, A Custom Program for City Retirees, will not be Implemented on 01.01.22

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A group of City retirees filed a lawsuit challenging the City's decision to implement the NYC Medicare Advantage Plus Plan. In that case, the Judge has requested a revised implementation plan and has extended the date for retirees to decide whether they want to opt-out of the plan. The judge has put the plan on hold until that issue is resolved. This affects when the plan can be implemented. The judge is not expected to decide these issues any earlier than the second week of December. A new date for implementation will be announced after a decision has been made by the Court.

Below are a few significant points about how this impacts retirees:

- ⇒ Until there is a Court decision, no retirees will be moved into the new Medicare Advantage plan. Retirees will remain in the plan they were in for 2021 unless they utilized the once in a lifetime option to change plans or transferred plans during the annual transfer period. Retirees do not have to take any action at this time.
- ⇒ The EmblemHealth / Empire BlueCross BlueShield Senior Care plan will remain premium-free until the new Medicare Advantage plan is implemented.
- ⇒ Once the Court announces an implementation date, retirees will be notified of the period of time they will have to opt out of the Medicare Advantage plan. As soon as the plan has an approved implementation date from the Court, they will advise retirees. The most current information obtained by the plan will be posted on the OLR website at [www.1nyc.gov/site/olr/index.page](http://www.1nyc.gov/site/olr/index.page) and the Alliance website at <https://nyc-ma-plus.empireblue.com/>.

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