

Hon. Eric Adams  
Mayor, City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

December 8, 2022

Dear Mayor Adams,

I write to you today to ask your administration to reconsider the policy change that would affect the health care benefits of New York City municipal employees and retirees represented by DC 37 who live outside New York City, many of whom are my constituents.

The change would force those individuals into Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and Medicare Advantage Plans (MAPs), and they could lose access to their health care providers and facilities as a result. If retirees specifically are forced into a MAP, they would face extensive pre-authorizations, which are not required under traditional Medicare and can lead to adverse health consequences. In addition, retirees especially would not be able to keep their private Part D prescription plans, which are necessary to augment union negotiated prescription plans.

Many City employees who live in my district are already finding it difficult to find quality health care. The new policy change could limit their provider choices. I respectfully ask that and that additional thought be given to this policy change so City employees living in the Hudson Valley areas will be guaranteed quality health care in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter B. Harckham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "P" and "B".

Peter B. Harckham  
New York State Senate, 40th S.D.