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# Announcement

## HealthCare Partners Expands its Medicare Advantage Agreement with Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield: Full Delegation for Empire MediBlue HMO

Earlier this year, we announced that HealthCare Partners, IPA (“HCP”) had entered into a care coordination agreement with Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield (“Empire”) for the MediBlue HMO and MediBlue PPO Medicare Advantage plans. The service area covers New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Orange and Rockland Counties. We are pleased to announce an expansion to this agreement.

**Effective January 1, 2015**, HCP will assume responsibility for utilization management, claims processing, member services, and credentialing for the Empire MediBlue HMO plan. HCP also will continue the care coordination programs already in place for the Empire MediBlue PPO plan in the service area.

**Please watch your mail:** We sent documents that you must promptly complete and return by November 21, 2014 to enable you to participate in and benefit from this expanded Agreement, including eligibility for Care Management Incentive program payments for MediBlue HMO members who are patients in your practice\*. We also included an amended *Health Plans* exhibit for your HCP Provider Agreement and a document with answers to frequently-asked questions.

To add further value for you, we are continuing our negotiations with other health plans to bring additional business to your practice. Stay tuned.

\* **NOTE:** If you currently participate in an Empire incentive plan, you will be eligible to receive Care Management Incentive payments from HCP at the conclusion of your current Empire performance measurement period.