

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO USE PROVIDERS IN THE MOUNT SINAI PHYSICIANS GROUPS

Please read the following information if you're a current patient of an in-network Anthem BlueCross BlueShield provider in the Mount Sinai network of physicians.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, the provider of healthcare benefits for NYSNA Benefits Fund participants, is currently in negotiations with the Mount Sinai Physicians Groups to continue their existing contract. The current contract will terminate effective January 1, 2026, unless a new agreement is reached by December 31, 2025.

Please note, this does not include services provided by the Mount Sinai Hospitals themselves, just the physicians groups.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR BENEFITS FUND PARTICIPANTS?

If a new agreement between Anthem and the physicians' group is not reached by December 31, 2025, any providers in the Mount Sinai Physicians Groups will be considered out-of-network for Benefits Fund participants starting on January 1, 2026.

In the event this occurs, any Benefits Fund participant who is currently under the care of an in-network Anthem provider will be able to continue receiving care from that provider, but the services will be covered by the Fund on an out-of-network basis. Participants will be required to pay the appropriate deductible and out-of-network coinsurance amount.

The deductible must be paid by the participant before the Fund provides out-of-network coverage.

WILL EXCEPTIONS BE MADE FOR PARTICIPANTS RECEIVING ONGOING TREATMENT?

In certain circumstances, participants may be eligible for continuation of care coverage with a Mount Sinai Physicians Groups provider on an in-network basis. This means, if approved, a participant will be able to continue receiving care from their Mount Sinai provider for a limited time and will be responsible for paying the applicable in-network copayment.

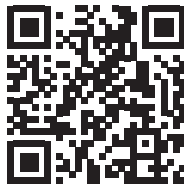
Health conditions that will be considered include, but are not limited to, serious chronic conditions like cancer, pregnancy, a terminal illness, or care of a newborn. If you have questions regarding your potential eligibility for continuation of care should an agreement not be reached by December 31, please contact the Benefits Fund at (518) 869-9501.

WHAT SHOULD BENEFITS FUND PARTICIPANTS DO NOW?

If you're currently receiving healthcare services from a provider in the Mount Sinai Physicians Groups or are scheduled for treatment with one of these providers, please call a participant service representative at the Benefits Fund as soon as possible. Our representative will be happy to answer any questions you may have and assist you in taking the next best steps for your situation.

Benefits Fund representatives are available Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm by calling (518) 869-9501.

This remains an ongoing situation and we will provide Benefits Fund participants with more information as it is received in our office. Keep an eye on our website at rnbenefits.org, our Facebook page at facebook.com/NYSNAPPBF and your emails and texts. If you don't already follow us on Facebook scan the QR code below and "like" us today.



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