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UPDATE ON PROPOSED NYC HEALTH CARE PLAN

This is only for those who are not on Medicare

The UFA has had a chance to review the new proposed NYC Health Care Plan. Although it has yet to be ratified by the MLC. I have sent out an email showing a side-by-side comparison of the existing plan to the proposed plan. Although the plan isn't yet ratified, members can check for providers in their area by asking if they accept the United Healthcare Choice Network. We were successful to have a Health Care Representative to our meeting on October 30. from United Health care to explain this new program if approved.

Retiree Medicare Update.

In June, NYC announced a joint proposal from Emblem Health & United HealthCare to provide premium-free coverage to active employees and pre-Medicare retirees. The plan promises expanded networks, including national access for members living outside of NYC area. The NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees continues to fight in court against mandatory Medicare Advantage for Medicare-eligible retirees. We continue to send \$100 a month as per a vote on the floor back in the spring.

CRA Pickle Ball



A group of our members started a Pickleball social group. We have played several times already. We try to play at least twice a month. Currently we have 10 players of all different skill levels, and play a stressless non-competitive game, complete with typical firehouse banter and humor. All skill levels are welcomed. If interested please contact Bob Gus 910-368-9744

A little Humor

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Josephs Hospital. She timely asked "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

OPERATOR - I'll be glad to help, dear, What's the name and room number of the patient?

GRANDMOTHER - Norma Findlay Room 302

OPERATOR - Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room. After a few minutes the operator returned to the phone

OPERATOR - I have good news - Her nurse just told me that Noma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine, her blood test just came back normal and her Physician Dr Cohen has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow.

GRANDMOTHER - Thank you, That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news.

OPERATOR - You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?

GRANDMOTHER - No- I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302 and no one tells me anything. Thanks again.

If anyone would like to put something of interest in our newsletter to benefit of our brothers, please let me know. Thanks

***OUR NEXT MEETING IS
October 30, 2025 10AM
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