



November 2016

## **Open Enrollment for Medicare Advantage and Supplement Plans**

Dear City of Holyoke Medicare Eligible Retiree:

**Open Enrollment** for the **Medicare Advantage and Supplement plans** for eligible City of Holyoke retirees will begin Wednesday, November 30, 2016 and will end Thursday, December 15, 2016. During this time, you may change or enroll in a Medicare supplement health insurance plan without evidence of insurability. *This Open Enrollment only includes medical insurance, not dental insurance. The next Open Enrollment for dental insurance will be in June of 2017.*

The City of Holyoke is pleased to provide group health insurance to our retirees. The City will continue to offer plans from Blue Cross Blue Shield MA (BCBSMA) and Health New England (HNE).

A comparison of the plans is on the reverse side of this notice. Any changes from 2016 in the plans or rates are highlighted in **red**. This information will help you to decide which plan is best for you.

- 1. IMPORTANT: If you are now in BCBS Medicare HMO Blue: Your plan will be cancelled effective January 1, 2017. Please attend one of the meetings listed below to enroll in a new plan or your group medical insurance will be cancelled.**
- 2. If you are in BCBS Medex II: If you are satisfied with your current plan and do not want to change, you do not need to take action.**
- 3. If you are in Health New England: If you are satisfied with your current plan and do not want to change, you do not need to take action.**

You are invited to meet with representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield MA and Health New England at any of the three informational meetings that will be held at the Holyoke Senior Center, 291 Pine Street in Holyoke:

- Wednesday, November 30, 3:30-5:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 6, 2:30 - 4 PM
- Tuesday, December 13, 8:30-10:30

Each meeting will begin with a presentation from each insurer that will describe any plan and premium changes. The presentations will be followed with time for your questions and we will help you to enroll in the plan of your choice. These presentations will begin on time so please do not be late!

For more information, please attend one of the meetings above or see **Retiree Benefits at <http://www.holyoke.org/departments/personnel/#extra2-tab>**.

If you still have a question, please contact the Personnel Office.

Sincerely,

Robert Judge  
Personnel Administrator