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TO: All NYSCOPBA Members – Southern Region and Mid-Hudson Region

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

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RE: Update on Termination of Mt. Sinai Health System from the Empire Plan's Anthem Blue Cross Hospital Network Effective 2/28/25

**A reminder** that Mt. Sinai Health System's inclusion in the Empire Plan's hospital network terminates 2/28/26. Negotiations continue but unless a settlement is reached or an extension granted, hospital services through the Health System will be paid out-of-network beginning Sunday (3/1/26). Letters have already been sent by Anthem Blue Cross to any members who have received services from this Health System explaining how out-of-network services will be paid and on how current treatment will be covered. Members with questions or concerns should reach out to Anthem Blue Cross at 1-877-769-7447, Option 2.

We will notify you of the final outcome of negotiations when received by us.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board  
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