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

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RE: Update on Termination of Mt. Sinai Health System from the Empire Plan's Anthem Blue Cross Hospital Network Effective 2/28/26

NYSCOPBA has received a further update on the status of Mt. Sinai Health System's continuation in Anthem Blue Cross' hospital network.

Mt. Sinai and Anthem have agreed to a short-term extension of their current contract. This allows the two parties to continue negotiations without disrupting patient care.

As a reminder, if an agreement is not reached, the following Mt. Sinai hospitals will be out-of-network with the Empire Plan's Hospital Program:

- Mt. Sinai Brooklyn (Brooklyn)
- The Mount Sinai Hospital (Manhattan)
- Mount Sinai Morningside (Manhattan)
- Mount Sinai Queens (Queens)
- Mount Sinai South Nassau (Oceanside)
- Mount Sinai West (Manhattan)
- New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai (Manhattan)

This situation does not impact medically necessary emergency services.

Again, we will keep members informed as negotiations continue.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board
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