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TO: Town of Lincoln Retirees
FROM: Krystal Elder and MIA Health Benefits Trust
DATE: October 24, 2022
RE: ACTION REQUIRED – None at this time

ENCLOSED: Benefit Comparison

The Town of Lincoln is offering a new Blue Cross Blue Shield plan for retirees. The new plan name is Medicare PPO Blue Freedom Rx, which is a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan that includes comprehensive medical and prescription drug benefits. This plan is effective January 1, 2023.

This plan is not replacing your current Medex plan but is merely an additional offering. No action is required if you simply want to keep your Medex plan.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Medicare Advantage plan, MIA and the Town of Lincoln will be hosting two **telephone Town Hall meetings** to provide an overview of the new offering and answer any questions. Each meeting will last one hour. These meetings are scheduled for:

- **Friday, October 28th at 2:00 PM**
- **Thursday, November 3rd at 10:00 AM**

Please call **877-311-7086** promptly at the scheduled meeting times. When you call into the line you will be automatically connected directly to the meeting, there are no pins or codes.

If you attend the call on Friday, you do not need to worry about attending the call on Thursday unless you would like to hear the information a second time for reinforcement.

The voice will be that of Brian Guagnini, who is a Retiree and Medicare Specialist at the MIA Health Benefits Trust. There will be a brief recording and then all you have to do is remain on the line to participate in the call with other retirees and Town representatives. It's very important that you join one of these calls to learn about the new plan offering!

If for any reason you get disconnected or need to call the number again, please dial **877-311-7086**.

In the meeting MIA will spend time reviewing the new Medicare Advantage plan but will not go over a benefit comparison of your current plan to the new MA plan.

However, we have enclosed a printed benefit comparison in this package for your review.

If you choose to enroll into the Medicare Advantage plan:

- We will need your completed enrollment form no later than **November 22, 2022**.
- The new plan will take effect on **January 1, 2023** and will renew on a calendar year cycle. There will be the usual Senior Plan open enrollment for the plan year

beginning January 1, 2024. You will have the opportunity at that time if you wish to make any plan changes.

- You may continue to use the same local pharmacies. Starting January 1, 2023 CVS Caremark will be the mail order service which will be addressed in detail during the phone meeting.
- If you have questions on or after January 1st, then you should call the customer service numbers on the back of your new ID card.
- Each retiree and spouse will receive a new ID card.
- The new ID card will be blue and comes in a business envelope.

Additionally, the MIIA Health Trust has designated a member of the Medicare Service Team to take call from the Town of Lincoln Retiree Population. Sam Trafidlo can be reached at 1-800-882-1498 ext. 257.

Please remember to keep and open anything you receive, in the mail, from the Town of Lincoln the MIIA Health Benefits Trust and Blue Cross Blue Shield.