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# Health & DC 37 Security Plan

October 5, 2011

Dear OTB Retiree:

During the legal efforts to restore funding for your health-related benefits, the DC 37 Health & Security Plan ("the Plan") has been providing you with health-related supplemental benefits (prescription drugs, dental, optical, etc).

Although both houses of the State legislature passed the *A.5785* and *S.4489 Bills* (the Bills to fund your health-related benefits), Governor Cuomo vetoed the Bills on Friday, September 23. However, the fight for restoration of your benefits will continue in the courts.

Although we are very sympathetic to your current situation involving your supplemental health-related benefits, the Plan is unable to provide you with these benefits beyond October 31, 2011 since no contributions to the Plan are forthcoming. Therefore, effective October 31, 2011, the Health & Security Plan benefits will be terminated.

If you are currently in the middle of treatment for dental work, you will have sixty (60) days to complete it. If you have a pending legal action with MELS, your case will be completed depending on the status of the case. The Plan will offer you the opportunity to purchase COBRA coverage for the Plan's supplemental health-related benefits (prescription drug, dental & optical). If you chose to purchase COBRA, please call (212) 815-1200 to request your COBRA package.

We have included information on other useful health-related options, including contact numbers for Medicaid and Medicare.

If you have any benefit related questions including COBRA, please call us at 212-815-1200.

In Solidarity,



Cynthia Chin-Marshall  
Administrator

Enclosures:

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## HOTLINE RESOURCES

**Food Stamps**  
1.877.472.8411

**Public Assistance**  
1.877.472.8411

**Unemployment Insurance**  
1.212.352.2631

**Food & Hunger Hotline/City Harvest**  
1.866.888.8777

**Catholic Charities**  
1.212.371.1000 x2031

**Federation Employment &  
Guidance Services (FECS)**  
1.212.366.8400

**Help Line**  
1.212.532.2400

**Brooklyn Housing & Family Services**  
1.718.435.7585

**Money Management International  
Consumer Credit Counseling Services**  
1.212.675.5070  
1.800.308.2227

**JBFC Services to the Homeless**  
1.212.632.4707

**Citizens Advice Bureau**  
1.718.365.0910

**LifeNet**  
1.800.LIFENET

**Veteran's Benefits**  
1.212.807.7229

**Community Service Society**  
1.212.614.5375

**Mayor's Action Center Hotline**  
311

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

- Information & Referral services
- Assists with clothing
- Refers to food pantries

### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:

- Information & referral services for housing and rent arrears
- Works with clients & the system to assist with landlord-tenant issues, public assistance, social security & immigration

### COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY:

- Programs & Services for the unemployed
- Employment opportunities & workforce advocacy

